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**THE STEERING COMMUNITY OF THE NEW Agawam Parish Association is already making plans to help needy residents for Thanksgiving. Standing - Reverend Curt Fuller and Reverend Rob Donaldson. Seated - Art Theobald, Carol Treganowan, and Kathy Manley.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Citizens' Police Academy Starts Again



**AGAWAM POLICE SERGEANT STEVEN DRAGHETTI (left) and residents from the community who are participating in the Citizens' Police Academy are pictured above. The class gives residents the opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at what police work is all about. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Agawam Clergy Moving Forward On Plans To Help

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

It takes a village to do more than raise a child. It also takes a village to bring the spirit of caring and sharing a holiday feast to people who might otherwise be alone when extended families gather in celebration. And that's just what a group of Agawam clergy and lay people are enthusiastically preparing to do for Agawam residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Recently, the newly-formed Agawam Parish Association, made up of clergy and lay people from seven of the town's 16 churches, formed a steering committee and met to map out their strategy for putting on a community Thanksgiving dinner at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Fellowship Hall on North Westfield Street.

The idea grew out of Feeding Hills Congregational Pastor Rob Donaldson's five-year involvement with the Thanksgiving dinner held for the last 17 years at the Mittineague Methodist Church in West Springfield. Last year, of the 1,000 meals prepared and served by volunteers from a coalition of West Side churches, 150 meals were delivered to shut-ins in Agawam.

"My family and I have been involved in delivering Thanksgiving meals to shut-ins in Agawam and I couldn't see any reason why we can't do a community dinner like that right here in town. We just finished remodeling our church kitchen and dining room, so we're well equipped to do it," Rev. Donaldson said.

SEE CLERGY - Church Section...

## Zoning Revamp Gets Head Start Thru Task Force

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

It's not even an election year and the politicians are talking about zoning reform. Not only are they talking about it, they've taken a giant leap along the path toward reviewing, revising, and updating the town's zoning ordinances.

On Monday night, the Zoning Advisory Task Force met for the first time in an organizational meeting sponsored by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Council President Donald M. Rheault.

As their first order of business, the group elected Town Councilor Gina Letellier to serve as the committee's chairwoman, and Attorney Anthony Bonavita to serve as vice-chairman. Councilor Robert Young volunteered to serve as the panel's secretary.

The task force will meet on the second and fourth Monday evenings each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Rooms at either the Agawam Library or the Police Station, depending on availability. Due to the Columbus Day holiday, Ms. Letellier set the next meeting for Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m., with the meeting place to be announced.

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Although the task force agenda doesn't include a regular Citizen's Speak Time, Bonavita suggested the group hold some sort of forum for gathering input from the public.

"When it comes time for recodification to pass at Town Council, we don't want to have someone pop up in opposition saying no one had asked for their opinion," Bonavita said.

Ms. Letellier suggested the task force could hold an open meeting for public comment at some point in the process before a formal public hearing is held. It was agreed that the task force secretary would take notes on comments from the public for forwarding to the council.

The task force was created last spring under the provisions of a council resolution supporting a joint initiative with the Mayor to review, revise, and update the town's zoning ordinances. The members of the task force include the town planner and building inspector, a representative from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals, two town councilors, two citizen representatives, and two Agawam Chamber of Commerce members.

**Members Deal With Zoning Code Issues...**

Johnson said the task force was made up of members who deal with zoning code issues on a daily basis in their jobs at Town Hall or in their work on town boards and commissions. Members were also chosen for their interest, either as town councilors or as members of the community, in zoning issues, he added.

According to the process outlined by the Mayor, the task force will be hiring a zoning consultant, probably an attorney, with the experience and expertise to make sure the existing code conforms with state laws and case law; to identify

any inconsistencies and illegalities within the code; to identify any glaring omissions; and to prepare a revised zoning code correcting the problems and addressing important land use questions. The format of the new code would be more readable and would incorporate use and dimensional tables.

Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos said the national association for professional community planners stresses the importance of techniques for better readability, cross-referencing between sections, and improving tables and graphs in revising zoning codes.

"Recodification is not changing the meat and potatoes of the zoning code," Ms. Dachos explained. "It is looking at the context of how it's written."

Upon completion of recodification by the task force working with an expert consultant, the revised document will be sent to Town Council for their consideration. Changes in the zoning code require a two-thirds majority of the council, or eight votes.

Former Building Inspector Joseph Conte worried that the task force could be opening a Pandora's box as problems requiring immediate revision of the code will be uncovered during the recodification process.

"We're not looking at changing the zones," Johnson said. "We're looking at the town as it is zoned now and plugging the holes and taking out things that don't belong. For instance, there is a loophole that allows a temporary sign permit for signs outlawed by the zoning code with no limit on how many times a temporary permit can be issued."

**Other Problem Areas...**

Other problem areas include the omission of modern developments, such as supermarkets, in

a zoning code dating back to the 1950's; a billboard ordinance that may be unenforceable; phrases such as "and the like" to describe what type of structures may need a special permit; and home-owner complaints over restrictions on erecting a fence on a corner lot.

Acknowledging there could be as many differing opinions on the issues as there are task force members, Rheault said a healthy exchange of ideas would bring about the best result for the town, as long as disagreements were kept within bounds.

Although the town lost out on a bid for state funding to cover a portion of the costs of the recodification process and the creation of a new zoning map, Johnson said the zoning initiative could move forward because Town Council had appropriated \$20,000 for the project in the town budget.

A new zoning map to replace the 1960's crayola-colored version is estimated to cost \$5,000 to \$6,000, and the estimated fee for an expert consultant is \$10,000 to \$12,000. The recodification process itself could be finished within two months of hiring the consultant.

"This is my 10th year in office and I'm happy we finally have a council with an appetite to attack the biggest long-term problem in the community: a woefully outdated zoning code," Johnson said.

In their opening remarks to the task force, Johnson and Rheault agreed they would be faced with the daunting task of revising a document riddled with inconsistencies and loaded with vague language that is likely to produce a different opinion from each person reading it.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out it's time to put our zoning code in a format so that the average citizen can read and understand it," Johnson said.

**Police Explorers  
Seek New Recruits**

Are you interested in law enforcement? The Agawam Police Explorers Post No. 713 (affiliated with the Agawam Police Association and the Boy Scouts of America) are looking for new male and female recruits ages 14 to 21 who are interested in exploring the field of law enforcement.

If interested, please contact James Antico at 789-0108 or attend the Police Explorer meetings every first and third Sunday of every month in the Faolin Peirce Community Room (located in the Agawam Police Station) at 7:00 p.m.

**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, October 8, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Saracino for property located at 90 Yarmouth Drive.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

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**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM  
PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of determining if the misuse of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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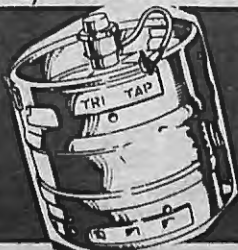
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## Letters To The Editor

### 1st Annual Buddy Walk Was A Huge Success In Agawam

#### To The Editor:

Individuals with Down's syndrome, along with family and friends, walked on September 12, 1998 for our first annual Buddy Walk for Western Massachusetts to promote the awareness and acceptance of all people with Down's syndrome.

Down's syndrome is a chromosomal abnormality affecting more than 250,000 people in the United States. People who have Down's syndrome possess a wide degree of abilities. They are active participants in the educational, occupational, social, and recreational activities in our community.

Local children and adults with Down's syndrome, along with their designated "BUDDIES" and many other supporters (about 270 walkers), participated in the Buddy Walk. During registration, we were entertained by clowns from Pioneer Valley Clown Alley No. 225 and our own excellent Agawam cheerleaders.

A big applause goes out to the clowns, the cheerleaders, and the Agawam Fire and Police Departments for helping to make this a wonderful success. Airborne Ads, Inc., owned and operated by Rod Lewinchuk (also from Agawam), flew an aircraft pulling a banner that read "THANKS FOR JOINING THE BUDDY WALK."

All of you who were a part of Buddy Walk 1998 — WE APPLAUD ALL OF YOU!!!

The Agawam schools, AAN photographer Jack Devine, Joyanne Curran-Moore of Monson (for taking the time to donate the banner for the Buddy Walk), ARC of Franklin County, National Down's Syndrome Society, and many other individual volunteers made this walk a huge success. A very special thank you to the committee for 1998: Sherri Baker, Diane Pirro, Melinda Williams, Kathy Curran, and Susan Nardi.

Several sponsors allowed us to provide free T-shirts to all participants. They were Lucia Lumber Co., Inc.; Field, Eddy & Buckley; KIX 97.9 Country Radio; A.W. Hastings & Co., Inc.; Riverside/The Great Escape; Berkshire Power, LLC; Holden Humphrey Co.; and lots of businesses in the Agawam area.

Thanks to ALL who had a part in our First Annual Buddy Walk. Hope to see you all next year!

Susan Lucia  
Buddy Walk Organizer

### Agawam Resident Supports Harshbarger For Governor

#### To The Editor:

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote in the recent primary election and who cast their votes for Scott Harshbarger for Governor. He is the candidate who will insure our future and that of our children and grandchildren, as well.

I urge the voters to carefully consider their choices in the upcoming election and to vote for Mr. Harshbarger for strong, positive leadership in the State House. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Ernestine Book  
Agawam

### Why Hasn't Big Y Given Any Agawam Scholarships???

#### To The Editor:

I noticed that Big Y gave out scholarships to all the towns in our area and in Connecticut, but not one in Agawam.

I guess they forgot that the people of Agawam helped them by going to their store, and are still doing it in West Springfield.

I hope the people of Agawam take notice.

Albino V. DallaPegorara  
Agawam

**Our DEADLINE is every Tuesday at noon. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.**

## Phone Numbers Of Elected Officials

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789-0171

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Feeding Hills  
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Feeding Hills  
786-1238

**Jill P. Simpson**  
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786-0053

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## Melconian Announces Passage Of New Child Protection Laws

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Legislature is continuing its efforts of recent years to improve the safety and welfare of the children of the Commonwealth. Long a vocal advocate of children's safety, Melconian has joined with the Legislature in enacting a number of laws protecting children from potential sexual predators.

"We must adopt a zero tolerance policy toward individuals who harm children," Melconian states. "Small steps can make a big difference in helping both children and their parents feel safer."

Some of the legislature's child protection measures include: (1) requiring summer camps to do criminal background checks on all of their staff and to improve their reporting of suspected abuse and neglect, (2) banning the purchase and possession of child pornography, and (3) assuring that minors who commit violent sex offenses are

listed on the sex offense registry.

"Prison surveys show 9.2 percent of inmates were jailed for crimes against children, and 65.5 percent of prisoners incarcerated for sexual assault committed that offense against a child," Melconian said. "We must use every effort to prevent these individuals from getting the chance to harm another child."

Melconian has long been an advocate of child safety. Recently, she co-authored "Lizzie's Law," Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1997, precluding individuals who are convicted of first-degree murder from gaining automatic visitation privileges with their children. She has also championed passage of Massachusetts laws creating sex offender registries and a mandatory sentence for selling drugs in school zones.

"Any trauma that befalls a child is an affront to our whole society," said Melconian. "We must place children's safety first."

**Please be sure to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance!!!**



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## Kasparian Addresses Attendees At His Candidacy Meeting

Abe Kasparian, Jr. of Agawam formally announced his candidacy for the Governor's Council before a good showing of supporters, family, and friends on Tuesday, September 22nd, at the Captain Leonard house in Agawam.

Among those present were Berkshire County Commissioner Robert Melle, who offered his support to endorse Kasparian in his quest to become a member of the Governor's Council. Also present were Alderman Richard Goyette of Chicopee and Robert Powell, co-founder of Citizens Against Needle Exchange.

Kasparian pledged to bring the voice of Western Massachusetts to Boston to ensure that the citizens of the Eighth District (which is made up of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties) receive their fair share of state appropriations for education, libraries, and parks. Western Massachusetts has lost \$200 million in much-needed funding for economic development and funding to improve and to expand our parks and libraries by one stroke of the Governor's veto pen.

Another major issue facing communities in Hampden County, states Kasparian, remains the unfunded pension liability left from the takeover by the state of county government. The largest example of the effect is that Agawam will be paying an additional \$350,000 to \$400,000 per year for the next 30 years.

Kasparian feels, "It is unfortunate that our sons and daughters and our grandchildren will have to pay for the broken promises that Boston has made to Hampden County and to Western Massachusetts." Kasparian remains committed to rectifying this issue for the taxpayers and citizens of Western Massachusetts.

Kasparian, a former Hampden County Commissioner, went on to say, "The citizens of Hampden County were guaranteed by the state that there would be financial compensation paid for the taking of nearly \$100 million in real property and cash at the close of county government. It is unfortunate to note that the promises and commitment that was presented to us by Boston, which was to assume the full responsibility of any debts — including the unfunded liability which would have



**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL CANDIDATE ABE KASPARIAN** from Agawam held a campaign announcement/rally at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Tuesday, September 22nd. From left - Linda Iarrusso, Bob Powell (co-founder of Citizens Against Needle Exchange), Kasparian, and his wife, Connie Kasparian. IN PHOTO RIGHT - Shane Robitaille and his little daughter, Kasparian, and Robert Melle. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

saved Agawam and approximately 23 other participating members of the pension fund from \$23,000 to \$100,000, respectively, for the next 30 years — was disingenuous, misleading, and has placed a financial burden upon our communities.

"This is an issue that must be addressed, and communities across Western Massachusetts need to work together to bring the message square upon the desk of the new governor on January 1, 1999."

This is an issue that the Governor's Council will be actively involved in, as the Governor's Council

gives advice and consent to all treasury disbursements for the Commonwealth. Kasparian will work to correct this burden on the communities involved.

Kasparian went on to state that one of his main issues will be to tighten the existing practice of restoring the right to possess, transport, and sell firearms to past violent offenders and drug dealers with the granting of pardons.

Kasparian urges all registered voters to come out for the main election on November 3rd and let their voices be heard.

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## Residents To Be Given Opportunity To Help Veterans' Honor Roll

As part of its major fundraising efforts to build an Honor Roll of Agawam's wartime veterans, the Agawam Veterans' Council and Committee is initiating an all-out effort to raise the funds needed to complete the project.

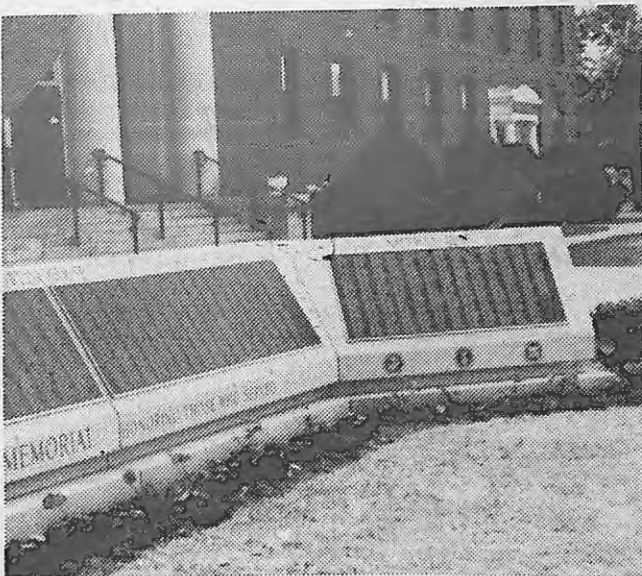
Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas has received permission from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to include an Honor Roll donation envelope in the water bills to be mailed out by the Town over the next six-month period. The Honor Roll has been estimated to cost approximately \$75,000 to complete. It will consist of six polished granite sections with six bronze plaques measuring 72" by 36" each.

The Honor Roll will include Agawam's wartime veterans who lived in Agawam upon enlistment. Names will include veterans who served in the Revolutionary War, Spanish-American War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Persian Gulf War veterans will be listed later, as many of these veterans are still in service and haven't filed for bonus yet; therefore, the War Records Dept. would not have most of the discharges.

The next group of water bills will be mailed out in early October. Please watch for your response envelope. Please make checks payable to "Agawam Honor Roll Fund" and return with your water bill payment or mail separately in the pre-addressed envelope.

Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas noted, "The Veterans' Council will greatly appreciate anything residents can do to help us get the job done next year. Thank you, too, to Mayor Johnson for helping us in our efforts to complete the Veterans' Green."

"Think back to 1989," she added, "when the Veterans' Green was just a lawn in front of Phelps School. See the monument to Agawam's war casualties, the beautiful gazebo, and the numerous memorial benches honoring veterans. Realize that Agawam does not have an Honor Roll of its veterans, but with your help we can complete the project."



**THE AGAWAM VETERANS' HONOR ROLL** will closely resemble the design listed above. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



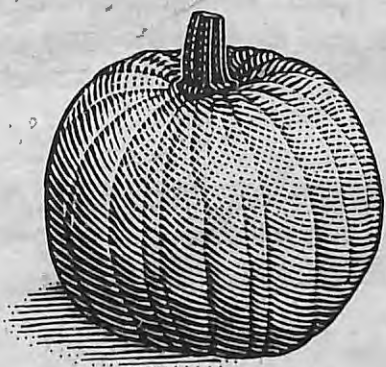
**THE AGAWAM VETERANS' COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE** is initiating an all-out effort to raise funds to build an Honor Roll of Agawam's wartime veterans. Members are pictured at a recent meeting held at the Agawam Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THE LOCATION OF THE PLANNED Veterans' Honor Roll** will be at the Agawam Veterans' Green on Main Street, Agawam Center, in front of Phelps School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

### Efforts For The Wartime Honor Roll

This week's *Agawam Advertiser News* features a separate article regarding the fundraising efforts of the Agawam Veterans' Council and Committee for the Honor Roll fund, as well as pictures of the Veterans' Green and an Honor Roll design very similar to the one to be erected on the Green next year (provided our efforts are successful).

This week, we will continue with the eligibility guidelines for veterans to have their names included on the proposed Agawam Honor Roll to be erected on the Veterans' Green on Main Street.

A reminder to Vietnam veterans regarding eligibility: the War Records Dept. in Boston *does not have Vietnam discharges for the period 1 Feb. 55 - 30 Jun 58 with at least 180 days of Honorable service, and the period of 1 Apr 73 - 6 May 75 with 90 days of Honorable service.*

While veterans serving during this period are considered wartime veterans under Chapter 4, the Massachusetts Bonus does not extend to include these dates of service. Veterans serving during the above periods will need to provide our office with a copy of their DD 214 discharge paper verifying their Home of Record and war service.

#### Continuing Eligibility For Agawam Honor Roll:

LEBANON — 25 Aug 1982: to be determined later; Campaign Medal required and 90 days service, (1) day wartime.

GRENADA — 25 Oct 1983 - 15 Dec 1983: same as above.

PANAMA — 20 Dec 1989 - 31 Jan 1990: same as above.

PERSIAN GULF WAR veterans will be added at a later date. If we attempt to do it now, there will surely be many add-ons (and, as I said before, adding names to a bronze plaque is not pretty; check

our War Memorial on Veterans' Green where we needed to add a name to see the effect).

The following is the list of World War II veterans whose last names begin with the letters "T," "U," and "V." Next week, we will publish the remaining names of WWII veterans and then begin publishing the names of Agawam's Korean War Veterans.

If you are a World War II veteran and your last name begins with the letters "T," "U," or "V," and you served at least 90 days (one of which was wartime) and you lived in Agawam when you entered the military, your name should be on this list.

If you know of a veteran whose name is missing, please contact the veteran or his family. We will need documentation of eligibility. If we can help, call Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall, at 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

#### WWII HONOR ROLL — "T," "U," & "V"

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## Telephone Protections Become Law In Mass.

The unauthorized switching of local and long-distance phone service, commonly known as "slamming," has become an increasing problem in Hampden County. Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) believes that a new law recently passed by the Massachusetts Legislature will safeguard consumers against this scam.

"Individuals are unknowingly having their long-distance service switched and are facing extraordinarily high rates," Melconian said. "The switching is often done illegally over the phone, even without the customer's knowledge. By the time the switch has been discovered and rectified, consumers have already paid higher rates. This is unacceptable."

The new law, Chapter 327 of the Acts of 1998, requires a long-distance provider or a local exchange carrier to receive customer authorization through a letter of agency or through third-party verification prior to switching a customer's telephone service. It authorizes the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) to promulgate rules and regulations regarding third-party verification.

The law also sets up a complaint procedure for customers and authorizes the DTE to calculate any refund due to a customer by a service provider. Furthermore, the DTE can fine any company for violating this law.

A company which continues this practice may be banned from selling in the Commonwealth for up to a year. Congress is reviewing a similar law, but as of yet, no action has been taken.

"Consumers must be protected," Melconian said. "'Slamming' is a national problem. With the passage of Chapter 327, Massachusetts has moved to the forefront to provide a workable solution."

*Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!*

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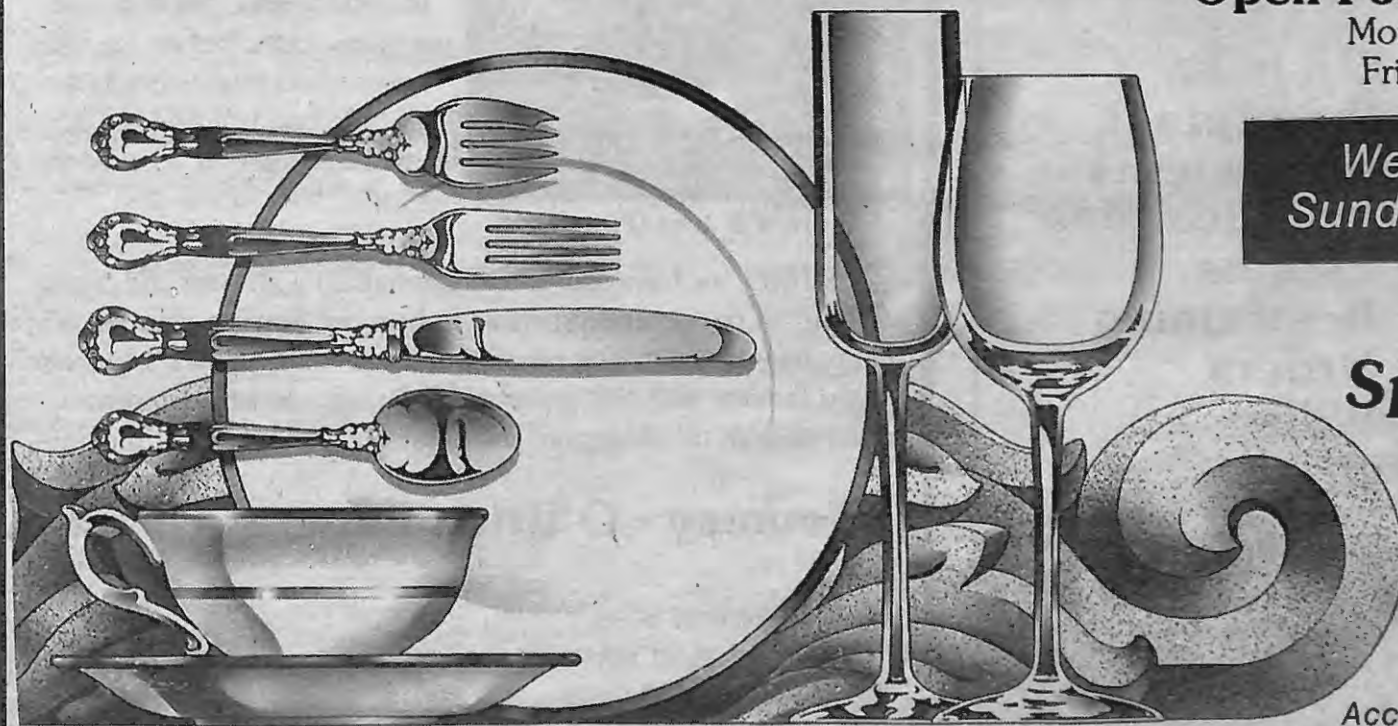
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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### John J. Smith, Jr.

John J. Smith, Jr., 72, of 523 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

He was the owner of Smith Business Systems in West Springfield for 25 years, retiring in 1994. Born in West Springfield, he had lived in Feeding Hills for several years.

He was a 1943 graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and attended Harvard University as part of the U.S. Navy's V-12 Program. He also attended the University of Massachusetts and American International College.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Asiatic and Pacific Theater and received Victory, American Area, and Asiatic and Pacific Theater medals.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and was a member of the National Business Forms Association. He also was a member of Knights of Columbus No. 2212 in West Springfield and the Oak Ridge Country Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Alice Draghetti; two daughters, Susan Malecky of Portland, Connecticut, and Marsha Smith-Reimers of Brookline, New Hampshire; a brother, Edward of Sherman Oaks, California; a sister, Mary Smith of Springfield; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in the church and burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

### Lauria M. Nelson

Lauria M. (Mireault) Nelson, 97, of 43 Coronet Circle, Feeding Hills, died at Holyoke Hospital.

She was a specialty bookbinder at National Blankbook of Holyoke for 48 years, retiring in 1966.

Born and educated in Holyoke, she lived in Chicopee before coming to Feeding Hills in 1971.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, a life member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders Local 48, and a member of the former Old Timers Club at the National Blankbook.

Her husband, Charles H. Nelson, died in 1971.

She leaves a daughter, Loris A. Monachesi of Feeding Hills; a sister, Yvonne Paquette of South Hadley; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by a Mass in the church and burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Holyoke.

### Eleanor M. Robitaille

Eleanor M. (Cormier) Robitaille, 67, of Agawam, died at Presbyterian Hospital University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Born and educated in Fitchburg, she was a graduate of St. Bernard's Parochial School.

She was a communicant and active member of St. Catherine of Siena Church, where she served as past president of its Women's Club and the founder of the Bishop O'Neil Scholarship Fund.

She was also a former Girl Scout Leader, past president of the Sixteen Acres Parent-Teacher Association, and was a member of the Wilbraham 10 Pin Bowling League.

She leaves her husband, Leo A.; a son, Mark E. of Longmeadow; two daughters, Corrine J. Robitaille of Southbridge and Paula L. Herbert of Enfield; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres, followed by a Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Bishop O'Neil Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Catherine of Siena Church, 1023 Parker Street, Springfield, MA 01129.

### Anthony Demichele

Anthony Demichele, 88, of Williams Street, Feeding Hills, died at the Olympus Specialty Hospital in Springfield.

He was a retired employee of the American Contracting & Supply Co. of Connecticut.

He was born in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and had lived in Feeding Hills for the past 60 years.

He was a member of the Asbestos Workers' Union, Local 43, for more than 40 years.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Antoinette DePinto; a son, James S. of Cockeysville, Maryland; a daughter, Anna M. Crean of Feeding Hills; a sister, Marie Demichele of Italy; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by a Mass in Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery, also of Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice of Western Massachusetts, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

### Sylvia Bloom

Sylvia (Belenky) Bloom, 89, of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, died at local nursing home.

She was born in Springfield and was a graduate of the former Classical High School.

She had lived in Agawam since 1965.

She was a member of Hadassah.

Her husband, Robert Bloom, died in 1968.

She leaves two daughters, Gloria Rothman of Enfield, Connecticut, and Susan Haskell of Brookline, and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at the Beth Israel Cemetery, West Springfield. The Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9760 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90035.

### Harry V. Peterson

Harry V. Peterson, 94, formerly of Dorset Street, Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

He was a retired 20-year employee of the City of Springfield Department of Streets and Engineering. He previously worked for the Springfield Army Watersheds Division and the Springfield Ash Department. He retired in 1966.

He was a lifelong resident of Springfield and attended Springfield schools.

He was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Springfield, and a member of the Springfield Retirees.

He leaves several former neighbors and friends.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

### Jennie M. Pirog

Jennie M. (Circosta) Pirog, 85, of 431 Silver Street, Agawam, died recently.

She was a retired 15-year employee for Pioneer Valley Plastics of Agawam and retired in 1975.

She was born in Springfield and lived in Agawam all of her life.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Stanley Pirog, died in 1977.

She leaves a sister, Rose Oppedisano of Springfield.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

## Eugene R. LePage

Eugene R. LePage, 76, of 59 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a Pearl Harbor survivor and decorated World War II Army veteran, died recently at home.

He was a 29-year time clerk for Smith & Wesson and had also worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Born in Holyoke and educated in Agawam, he lived in Springfield and Las Vegas prior to moving to Feeding Hills in 1994.

He was stationed at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. He was later wounded by machine gun fire and a grenade attack during the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines in 1944.

He was a rifleman with the 35th Infantry of the 25th Division and also participated in the Guadalcanal, Central Pacific, and Northern Solomon's campaigns. He received the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, a Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Bronze service stars, the World War II Victory Ribbon, and the American Defense Service Ribbon with a Bronze star.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans and the Disabled American Veterans.

His wife, Rachel (Welch) LePage, died in 1997.

He leaves a son, David R. of Springfield; a daughter, Karen Burzduk of Hampden; a step-daughter, George Wilson of New Hampshire; two sisters, Muriel Henderson of Springfield and Germaine DeLevo of West Brookfield; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Nowak Funeral Home. Burial will follow cremation in the Agawam Veterans' Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or the Massachusetts Chapter, care of the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

## Frances J. Moksizin

Frances J. (Connolly) Moksizin, 80, of 70 Valentine Street, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born and educated in Norwalk, Connecticut, she moved to Agawam in 1957.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a past member of its Women's League, the former Women's Guild, the former Agawam Women's Club, and the former Holy Family League of Charity for Brightside Orphanage.

Her husband, John A. Moksizin, died in 1986.

She leaves two daughters, Sharon M. Avery of Brownstown, Michigan, and Catherine A. Romanko of Longmeadow; a sister, Mim Goodwin of Rochester, New York; five grandchildren; and a companion, Lois Tyler of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, 32 Norway Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

## Harriet R. Rieker

Harriet R. (Thomas) Rieker, 89, of Main Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a retired retail clerk at Steiger's department store in Springfield.

She was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, and had been a resident of Agawam since 1949.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, a former member of its Catholic Women's Club, and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. Rieker, and a daughter, Martha L. Lussier, both in 1996.

She leaves a son, Paul of Agawam; a daughter, Jeanne E. Flanders of Silverdale, Washington; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, followed by burial in the Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01085.

## Kevin W. Cook

Kevin W. Cook, 40, died on August 31, 1998 at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

Born in Springfield, he attended Agawam schools and graduated from Agawam High School in 1976. He also attended St. Michael's College.

He leaves a daughter, Whitney L. of Kenilworth, New Jersey; his mother, Gail M. of New York City; his father, Thomas N. of Orange, Connecticut; a sister, Cathy L. Massaroco of Rehoboth, Massachusetts; and a brother, Michael T. of Phoenix, Arizona.

The funeral was private, and Aaron Cremation & Burial Services in Arizona was in charge of the arrangements.

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
Commemorating "National Fire Prevention Week"...

The Agawam Fire Department will be observing "National Fire Prevention Week" from October 4th through October 10th, 1998.

"Fire Prevention Week" commemorates one of the worst fires in American history — the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. On October 9th of that year, 250 people died and over 17,000 buildings were destroyed in a fire where the property damage was estimated at \$169 million.

The Fire Marshal's Association established "Fire Prevention Day" in 1911 to publicize the fire problem. In 1922, President Harding proclaimed "National Fire Prevention Week," and since that time the National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of "Prevention Week" activities throughout the nation.

However, the Agawam Fire Department wants you to remember that fire safety should be practiced every day, and offers the following suggestions:

- Install and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.
- Have home heating systems and chimneys inspected by a professional.
- Store flammable liquids in safety cans and outside the house.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## Agawam Fire Dept. To Participate In Nat'l Fire Drill

When you hear the term "The Great Escape," images of Houdini and disappearing acts may come to mind. The Agawam Fire Department is announcing that "The Great Escape" will take place in Agawam this October, but we are not planning to make residents disappear.

In fact, the Agawam Fire Department has been working with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association and fire departments throughout the United States and Canada to implement the first-ever North American fire drill - "The Great Escape" - during 1998 Fire Prevention Week, October 4th-10th.

"The Great Escape" is a fun activity for entire families to participate in during Fire Prevention Week, but also could save their lives. According to Fire Chief David Pisano, "If fire breaks out in your home, you and your family only have a few minutes to escape safely. Home fire escape planning and practice ensure that everyone in the household will know how to use that small window of opportunity effectively and get out alive."

The NFPA, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 70 years, developed "The Great Escape" theme in response to results from its 1997 Home Escape Survey that showed only 16 percent of respondents who had escape plans actually practice them. These findings demonstrate that most people are not well-prepared if a fire does occur in their home. The NFPA hopes "The Great Escape" motivates people to begin thinking about fire safety in a positive, proactive way, and to start practicing their home escape plans regularly at least twice a year.

The Agawam Fire Department invites all residents to participate in "The Great Escape" fire drill on October 7, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Draw up a fire escape plan with your family members, then practice the plan at that time.

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## Funds For Agawam Housing Authority Have Been Secured

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan and Agawam Housing Authority Director Joanne Beltrandi are pleased to announce the awarding of funds to the Agawam Housing Authority for improvements to Brady Village from the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development.

"This is great news for the residents of Brady Village and Agawam," Keenan said.

A total of \$275,000 has been awarded for bathroom upgrades at Brady Village. The scope of the work includes replacement of fixtures, GFCI, accessories, and finishes. Funding will also be made available for any necessary and additional administration and soft costs associated with this work.

"Completion of this project will result in the long-term viability of this development and improved living conditions for the tenants," stated Beltrandi.

Funding for this project is a result of the recent passage of the Housing Bond Bill of 1998 which includes new authorization for public housing capital improvement and modernization.

## CT River "Source To Sea" Cleanup Slated For October 3rd

The Second Annual Connecticut River "Source to Sea" Cleanup will take place this Saturday, October 3rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This massive one-day river cleanup on the Connecticut River in Massachusetts will draw hundreds of students and community volunteers up and down the river.

The event will kick-off with a press conference in Northampton between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., and it is being organized by the Massachusetts Community Water Watch, a project of AmeriCorps and Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group (Mass Student PIRG) in partnership with the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

The cleanup sites will include the portion of the Connecticut River behind the Riverdale Shops in West Springfield; the area adjacent to the Oxbow Marina; and other site in Deerfield, Holyoke, and West Springfield (to be announced).

For further information on the Second Annual Connecticut River "Source to Sea" Cleanup and how you can participate, contact Kristen Beam, an AmeriCorps Member/Massachusetts Community Water Watch, on the STCC campus, (413) 781-7822, ext. 3321; or Meg Gray, MassPIRG Student Organizer, at Smith College, (413) 256-6434.

## "Friends"/Council On Aging's Awards Dinner On Oct. 22nd

The "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center/Agawam Council on Aging will hold their Annual Awards Dinner at Ferruccio's on Thursday, October 22nd. All are welcome to attend.

The cocktail hour is 6:00 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The donation is \$20 per person, and the meal will be an Italian buffet.

All proceeds will go towards the "Friends" of the Agawam Senior center. Incidentally, this dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year for "Friends."

In addition, the "Friends" Friendship Award will be presented at the dinner to someone who is worthy of this honor, and the Andrew Gallano Award will be given to someone who has done community service in the Town of Agawam and is over 60 years of age.

Applications for the "Friends" Award must be mailed to P.O. Box 238 as soon as possible. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the Agawam Senior Center or from any member of the Board of "Friends."

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## Candlelight Ceremony At American Legion



THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION held a candlelight ceremony on Sunday, September 20th, to honor Massachusetts POW/MIA's from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Legion members pictured above include, from left - Sam Gallant, Louis Russo, Paul Danehey, Michael Granger, Ken Morytko, Andree Luginbuhl (Women's Auxiliary chaplain), Kevin Lamothe, and Jay O'Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING THE CANDLELIGHT ceremony at the American Legion on Sunday, September 20th, included (top photo) - Jay O'Sullivan, past commander; Frances McBride, Women's Auxiliary; Carol O'Sullivan, past president; Mary Ellen Morissette, Women's Auxiliary president; Kristine Henson, senior vice-president; and Paul Danehey, sergeant at-arms. PHOTO BELOW - Women's Auxiliary members - Mary Ellen Morissette, auxiliary president; Frances McBride, secretary; Donna Dziedzic, past district president; Joan Lutinski, Dept. historian; Jo-Anne T. Nolan, Dept. 2nd vice-president, Claire Oppel, District 3 director; Kristine Henson, senior vice-president; and Mary White, Dept. president, American Legion Auxiliary. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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Bob Binnenkade (Bingo Chairman) with Joseph Miodonka (foster parent), John Lipski (Fidelco trainer) and "Uzef," Lorraine Labun, and Edna Miodonka (foster parent): The Fidelco Guide Dog Association was presented with a check for \$500 by the Polish American Club.



Ken Kubik (Scholarship Chairman) presents \$500 scholarships to Gina Markowski (Union College) and Christina Januska (Elms College).



Bob Binnenkade (Bingo Chairman) awards \$500 scholarships to Jennifer Zerra (Boston University), Julie LaFlamme (Quinnipiac College), and [not shown] Christopher Mozdzanowski (Gordon College).



Fred Bliss (Bingo worker) presents \$500 scholarships to Ian Thomas Lane (Springfield College) and Jennifer Smist (Boston University).



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## Families

### Raising Funds Keeps Senior Center's Athletes Busy



AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES ATHLETES at the Agawam Senior Center held a tag sale/bake sale/car wash recently to raise funds for upcoming athletic competitions. From left - Ginny Ingram, Lorraine Fontaine, Lois Cutler (bake sale), Lynn Bright, Vi Prez, and Chris Pulumbo (tag sale). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

#### Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 5th:** Salisbury steak with peppers & onions on a roll, shell pasta & pea salad, fresh pears.

**Tuesday, October 6th:** Chicken chow mein, fluffy white rice, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

**Wednesday, October 7th:** French meat pies, sweet potatoes, green beans, rudi roll, pudding cake.

**Thursday, October 8th:** Stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Vienna rolls, ice cream.

**Friday, October 9th:** Clam chowder, egg salad sandwich, tomato & cucumber salad, prunes.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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ATHELTES AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER were washing cars recently at the Senior Center to raise funds for their upcoming athletic competitions. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion In November

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This elegant affair will be entertained by the BRASS ATTACK eight-piece band. The invitations have been sent out and many classmates are still missing. **All R.S.V.P.'s are needed back now to insure your reservation.**

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If you can help locate any of the following missing classmates or have any class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

David Ainsworth, Kevin Armstrong, Lisa Bazzano Sibilia, Chip Benson, Robert Bouley, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Thomas Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Darlene Cardone, Lynn Cirillo, Claudia Cunningham, Richard Deblois, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci.

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Catherine Parent, Harold Potts, Karen Rawson, Jean Raymond, Jan Reynolds, Wendy Richard, Andrew Robbins, Mark Scales, Donald Schebel, David Simmons, Richard Snow, Frank Talbot, Larry Whittle, Ted Wislocki, Gary Woods.

## Junior Women's Club To Sponsor Create-A-Scarecrow At Fini's Farm

Join the Agawam Junior Women's Club at Fini's Farm on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with a raindate of October 11th.

Come and create your own adult-size scarecrow. We will supply all materials and instruction. There will also be hayrides through "Dead Man's Woods," a corn maze, pony rides, hay maze, cider, popcorn, and you can pick your own pumpkins.

Proceeds from the scarecrows, cider, and popcorn will be put towards the purchase of a \$25,000 Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department. This helmet will allow the firemen to "see" in a dark, smoke-filled room, by detecting body heat, so as to be able to rescue trapped people.

There will be a video explaining the helmets and a firetruck on hand. This will be one of many

ways we will be raising funds for this worthy cause that may save many lives. Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to this fund, please make your check out to the Agawam Helmet Fund and mail to Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

We hope that with the support of our community, this invaluable piece of equipment will become a reality.

The AJWC would like to thank Fini's Farm for all their assistance with this fundraiser and Crowley's Stables for their generous donation of hay.

For more information, please call 786-5540. Hope to see you all there.

Directions to Fini's Farm: At Sarat Ford, take North Street. James Street is the fifth street on the right.

## Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary To Meet On Monday, October 5th

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club will hold their next meeting on Monday, October 5th.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Club house.

## Fish & Chip Dinners Coming To Agawam VFW Post 1632

Starting Friday, October 9th, fish and chip dinners will be held each week at the Agawam VFW, Post 1632 (located at 194 South Street, Agawam).

The cost is \$5.95 per person, and the Friday night dinners will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

## Jr. Women Plan Tea For New Members

Come one, come all, to the Agawam Junior Women's Club Tea! Meet new friends. Learn about our activities. You can be a part of our team and enjoy our community spirit.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club needs you! The Club provides community support in a wide variety of areas and, in addition, holds social activities for members. There is something of interest for everyone.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

To find out more about the Club, come to our Membership Tea from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. If you cannot attend, please call Laura Paul, Membership Chairwoman, at 786-5889.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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## Upcoming Events Announced By The Agawam Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding their **Annual Health Expo on October 27th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Every year, hundreds of seniors and their families attend the Health Expo.

Stop in and receive free information about the supports and services that are available to service your needs. For more information, please call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

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A **Telemarketing Fraud Program** will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on **October 26th** at 1:00 p.m.

Please COME and educate yourself on this problem! Call Gail Freeman for more information at 789-7199.

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The **Caregivers Support Group** continues at the Agawam Senior Center on the **third Monday** of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you are caring for your spouse or an elderly parent or relative, come and share with us or receive some support. For more information, call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

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The **Mental Illness Support Group** continues at the Agawam Senior Center on the **last Monday** of every month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

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An **Italian Friday Feast** has been scheduled for **October 16th at 5:30 p.m.** The cost is \$8, and musical entertainment will be provided by the "Dynamic Duo."

The menu will consist of boneless breast of chicken parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, salad, warm Italian bread, and ice cream.

The proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the Agawam Senior Center.

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The following **Crime Watch Meetings For Senior Housing** have been scheduled by the Agawam Police Department and Agawam SALT (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together). These meetings will take place on the following Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at various locations in town, and refreshments will be served.

- \* October 31st: Country View.
- \* November 7th: Colonial Haven.
- \* November 14th: Meadowbrook Manor.
- \* November 21st: Danahy.

## Jeff Greenfield To Open 63rd Season Of Spfld. Public Forums

The 63rd season of the Springfield Public Forum Series will commence on Tuesday, October 6th, with political analyst Jeff Greenfield as speaker. This celebrity lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield, and it is open to all free of charge.

Greenfield is recognized for his thought-provoking analysis of the news, supported by his extensive knowledge of politics, history, the media, and popular culture. He recently joined CNN to co-anchor with Bernard Shaw *CNNNewsstand: Time*, which runs on Sunday evenings. Prior to this, he was ABC News' political and media analyst for 14 years, appearing regularly on *Nightline*, as an essayist on *World News Sunday*, and as a political campaign reporter.

With a B.A. degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin, a law degree with honors from Yale Law School, and experience in politics, Greenfield first came to television with *CBS This Morning*. He also was seen on the *CBS Evening News* and on *PBS Firing Line* and *We Interrupt This Week*. Prior to this, he was an analyst for two PBS programs — *Firing Line* with William S. Buckley and *We Interrupt This Week*. From 1968 to 1970, he was speechwriter for New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, and from 1967 to 1968 he was Senate aide and speechwriter for Robert F. Kennedy.

He has garnered numerous awards in the course of his career, including three Emmys for his contributions to *Nightline's* South Africa specials and for a prime time special on Ross Perot. For two consecutive years, he was named to *TV Guide's* "All Star" news team as the best political reporter on television.

In addition to his work on television, Greenfield writes a column for *Time* magazine and has contributed to the *New York Times Magazine*, *Esquire*, and the *National Lampoon*. He is the author or co-author of nine books, including *Television: The First 50 Years*. His first novel, *The People's Choice*, was published in 1995 and named one of *The New York Times'* notable books of the year. The motion picture rights to this political satire have been purchased by Penny Marshall.

Greenfield's October 6th lecture, entitled *A Political Update with Jeff Greenfield*, will be co-sponsored by BankBoston and the Phillips Lecture Fund, which is the result of a bequest by Alexander Phillips for lectures on civic-governmental affairs as a memorial to his father, Henry M. Phillips, and his mother, Julia Bowles Alexander Phillips. BankBoston's Springfield Division Executive, M. Dale Jones, will chair the event.



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## Memory Lane Chorus To Resume Rehearsals On Tuesday, Oct. 6th

The Memory Lane Chorus will resume their Tuesday afternoon rehearsals on October 6th at the Junior High School Auditorium from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

This year's production, "Memories of Broadway," will be held at the Junior High on Friday evening, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m., and the Junior High School Chorus will also assist in this performance.

The concert will also include about a dozen solo, duet, or feature numbers, as well as a few dance routines.

The repertoire for the program will attempt to include songs from many different Broadway shows or productions and cover many different eras, starting with the early 1900's and going up to some of the more recent ones.

Rehearsals will be held at the Junior High throughout October and November on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., and the Chorus appreciates the opportunity to be able to practice on the stage where the concert will be performed.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY (WMECO), who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-63, of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a South Agawam Substation New 115kV Switching Station at the premises identified as: 38 MOYLAN LANE.

Larry Hoague  
Acting Chairman

Published: October 1, 1998

## Food And Toy Drive Underway For 1998 Holiday Baskets

Ho! Ho! Ho! The Agawam Junior Women's Club is, once again, merrily underway collecting food and toys for the 1998 Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets for our citizens in need.

Last year, due to an overwhelming amount of generosity from our friends (YOU!), we were able to provide meals to 54 families, and clothes and toys to 153 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Locations are Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand-Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Coldwell Banker, Senior Center, and Medical West.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, cereal, cake mixes, soap/toothpaste/brush, paper goods, pasta, canned juice, prepared foods (shelf goods), soups, and canned meats (such as tuna and SPAM).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children between one and 14 years of age, we will also accept these at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a holiday basket, or school supplies, Agawam Theatre movie tickets, or Rollaway passes as gifts for older children, please call Dee Adams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Again, we will be at the SOCCER JAMBOREE in October with a drop-off box there, and at the BREAKFAST WITH SANTA during the first week in December.

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you may make the difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world.

And, after all, isn't that what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about?

## AHS's Class Of 1978 Seeks "Missing" Alumni For Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-Year Class Reunion on Saturday evening, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Invitations have been sent out; however, we are still unable to find the following classmates:

Chris Armand, Gladys Ayala, Mary-Ann Benedict, Alan Bittner, Victor Bortolussi, Neil Brown, Rebecca Brown, Janice Caramazza, Victor Cestari, Steven Chesley, Suzanne Chicoine, Michael Clark, Marc Colcombe, Rhonda Com-forte, Jeff Cosenzi, Ronald Couture, Laura DeMusis, Michael Donovan, Timothy Drane, Daniel Duffy, Lauren (Dunn) Cunningham, Loretta Farber, Stephen Ferrero, Jane Finau, Michael Follini, Catherine Foote, Steven French, Sandra Ghidoni, Tina Gravel, Marcy Harris, James Hill, Michael Holzman, Janet Houle, Deborah Howe.

Also, David Hudson, Daniel Johnson, Eileen Kane, David Kelly, Bill Knight, Angela Kolnicki, Gwen Kononitz, Luana (Lamoureux) Bisson, Steve Larrabee, Robert Mahoney, Daniel Manhue, Sue Manning, Raymond Margosiak, Laurie Marino, Elizabeth Marquis, Alden Miller, Eileen Moriarty, Robert Nahajlo, Caren Ouimet, Tom Paul, Leonard Peltier, Maria Persiico, Tammie Poulos, Edward Rogers, Ralph Rozell, Dawn Sanders, Brian Shaw, Daniel Stachowicz, Anne Stevens, John Sweeney, Marissa Tangredi, Ralph Thresher, Wayne Van Newenhoven, Lisa Villeuve, Thomas Welch, Richard Whalley, and Andrew Wojnicki.

If you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates or if you are a member of the Class of 1978 and did not receive an invitation, please call Shelley (Borgatti) Reed at 413-786-4960 or Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson at 413-789-2335.

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## Hot Air Balloon To Haunt Riverside On Friday, Oct. 2nd

Preview Of Riverside's Great New England Balloon Festival And HallowScream Scheduled For Weekend

A preview of Riverside Park's Great New England Balloon Festival can be seen on Friday, October 2nd, at 4:45 p.m. Balloon-Hilda, a hot air balloon designed to resemble a Halloween witch, will launch from the Park for an evening flight.

Balloon-Hilda is a preview of the Park's First Annual Great New England Balloon Festival, which will be held over Columbus Way Weekend from October 9th through October 12th. Over 30 hot air balloons from across the United States will converge on Agawam to decorate the skyline during the weekend festival. The balloons stand approximately 50 feet tall and range in color and style from classical shapes to cartoon characters.

The Great New England Balloon Festival coincides with the Park's HallowScream event. HallowScream is New England's most thrilling Halloween event, featuring a variety of creatively themed productions and special fun-filled activities that offer various degrees of fright ranging from delightfully tame to take-your-breath-away terrifying. The Balloon Festival and HallowScream are included with paid admission to the Park.

Riverside Park is owned by Premier Parks Inc., the world's largest regional theme park company with 31 parks, including parks serving nine of the 10 largest metropolitan areas in the United States and six locations in Europe.

The company annually hosts nearly 40 million guests. A publicly held corporation with corporate offices in New York City and Oklahoma City, Premier Parks trades on the NYSE under the symbol: PKS.

## MADD Offers Discounted Tickets To HallowScream

*Summer Is Over, But The Folks At Riverside Park Haven't Pulled The Plug On The Fun*

HallowScream, the area's premier Halloween event, is running on weekends through November 1st at the Agawam thrill park. Lots of surprises await young and old alike during HallowScream's ghoulish reign.

Young fans will enjoy the daily costume contests, Monster Manor, and Pumpkin Patch. Older fans will flock to Hell's Half Acre, Nightmare Island, and the Hellevator. Combined with the park's regular rides and attractions, HallowScream is sure to be an exciting adventure for those bold enough to visit.

Riverside Park is open every weekend until November 1st. And you can gain admission to the fun at a discounted rate if you buy your tickets from the Pioneer Valley Chapter of MADD.

MADD is offering Riverside tickets for \$14.99 each — a \$10 savings. One dollar from each sale will go to support MADD's mission to stop drunk driving and help the victims of this violent crime.

To purchase tickets, drop by the MADD during normal business hours or send a check (\$14.99 for each ticket) to: MADD, 50 Payson Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027. Be sure to make the check out to MADD and to put "Riverside Tickets" in the memo portion of the check.

**Classified ads can be bought over the counter or through the mail at Box 263, FH, MA 01030. \$10**

## Polish Supper At Heritage Hall



**HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME** was the scene recently for a Polish Potluck Supper. Heritage Hall residents waiting to enjoy their meal included, from left - Julia Slinski, Mary Donahue, and Cressa Beaudry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## HallowScream Now At Riverside Park

*New England's Most Thrilling Halloween  
Celebration To Thrill Guests This Fall*

Riverside Park in Agawam has been transformed from New England's Newest SuperPark into the biggest and best HallowScream celebration in New England. Activities and attractions have been planned and constructed to ensure that Halloween 1998 will be a celebration to remember.

"This is absolutely our favorite time of the year; we plan all year long on how to make this event better than the year before. We have doubled our investment from last season, which means more tricks and treats than ever," stated Ron Severt, Director of Marketing for Riverside Park. "If you're looking for a thrilling, family Halloween experience, Riverside is the place to be," Severt added.

HallowScream is New England's largest Halloween event, featuring a variety of creatively themed productions and special fun-filled activities that offer various degrees of fright ranging from delightfully tame to take-your-breath-away terrifying.

"We go to great lengths to diversify our activities and attractions for HallowScream to ensure that every member of the family has something to say. And we place the utmost importance on creating a highly desirable safe place where adults and kids can go this time of the year," said Severt.

Daytime children's activities for the 1998 season are the "Hay Maze," where kids may explore their way to the finish; Goosebumps Gallery, where they can decorate their own mask while listening to live readings of Halloween tales; and family Hay Rides along the Connecticut River.

Riverside's Pumpkin Patch and Trick or Treat Village have both returned this year, and they're bigger and better than ever with tons of sweets. All children's activities are designed for little ghouls and goblins under 48" and offer a safe place where adults can enjoy watching their kids enjoy the Halloween season. All children's activities are held on Fridays from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. (as well as Columbus Day — Monday, October 12th).

For those wanting to be scared out of their wits, Riverside Park presents three daring challenges with a Haunted Hayride and two haunted houses. Our braver guests will explore trails and chambers of terror with lots of scares, suspension, wandering characters, and music. A word of

warning, however — remain attentive as the tour roars through the fog-shrouded cemetery and back rooms where ghouls and zombies are known to suddenly lurch from their tombs.

"It's not for the faint-of-heart, by any means. These are first-class horror attractions that will take ultra-thrill seekers on an unforgettable tour of terror," stated Severt.

HallowScream '98 features several live, action-packed, Halloween-themed family shows. Headlining the dazzling show lineup is the Park's heart-stopping haunted illusion show called *Zambora the Gorilla Woman*, where a beautiful Princess mysteriously transforms into a Gorilla Woman right before your eyes.

Finishing off the family show lineup for HallowScream are the *Haunting Illusions Show*, featuring the magic of David Garrity, and the *Monster Mash Extravaganza*, where kids will be captivated by a monster musical, a magic show of illusions and mystical magic, a *Puppet Works SPOOKtacular*, and an interactive *Make-a-Scary-Movie* (where children from the audience can "produce" their own movie).

In addition to the great shows, each afternoon during HallowScream a children's costume contest will be conducted. Contestants can register when they enter the Park. The contest begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and will be held in the North End of the Park.

Over 150 rides, shows, and attractions (not including the water rides) will be open during HallowScream, which started on Saturday, September 26th. Hours of operation are generally Friday, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and Monday, October 12th (Columbus Day), 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For exact days and hours for HallowScream, call (888) HAUNTLINE.

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## Local Toastmasters Win Contests And Advance To Finals

Two members of the local Agawam/West Springfield Club of Toastmasters International won first place in the club's annual speech contests.

Don Prisby and Mike Margiotta, both of Agawam, each placed first in the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Speech Contests, respectively. Richard Januska of Agawam and Val Drolett of Southwick, respectively, were the runners-up.

Each winner now advances to the Toastmaster Area E3 level finals, which will be held on Thursday, October 8th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Country Estates meeting room (Route 75 in Agawam). The public is welcome to attend free of charge, and refreshments will be served.

If you need further information, please contact Jim McDougal, 789-2925, or Mark Proulx, 789-0591.

The Agawam/West Springfield Chapter of Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization whose mission is to make its members improve their communication and leadership skills. The Chapter holds its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the meeting room of Country Estates.

## Italian Women's Club To Meet In Wilbraham On October 19th

The October 19th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at Il Giardino Ristorante, 2481 Boston Road, Wilbraham. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For more information, call (413) 733-8751; for reservations, call (413) 739-9040.

## Lecture/Program On Reincarnation & Karma At Y.M.C.A. In Spfld.

A lecture on reincarnation and karma will take place on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. in Springfield (275 Chestnut Street), Room 208. The admission is \$7 per person.

The program will be presented by George Lagos, a former English teacher. He has done graduate work at the Hartford Theological Seminary on reincarnation in early Christianity, and on October 6th, he will be handing out an eight-page paper entitled *Reincarnation and Karma - Reasons for Belief* to all in attendance.

At the lecture, Lagos will be playing a tape on nine past lives of a famous American, and will be showing people the fastest way of getting rid of karma.

"The more negative karma we balance, the fewer and smaller our problems will be, and the faster we can become our Higher, Divine Selves," stated Lagos.

To register for this program, call Lagos at (413) 538-5655 and leave your name and telephone number on his voice mail.

## Heritage Hall Seeks Vendors For Annual Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Center, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street Main Street.

Vendors are sought to participate in the Bazaar. Tables are \$15 each. Please bring your crafts and help support the residents of Heritage Hall.

In addition to vendors, each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community.

For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at (413) 786-8000, extension 217.



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## Tracey A. Blair Weds Matthew D. Loubier

Tracey A. Blair and Matthew D. Loubier were united in marriage at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke on May 15, 1998. The reception was held at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Blair of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Lynn Loubier of Feeding Hills, and Bernard Loubier of Agawam.

Karen Blair attended her sister as matron of honor. Daniel Loubier served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is employed by Holyoke, Chicopee, and Springfield Head Start, Inc.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed by the State of Connecticut.

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## 55-Year Reunion For AHS Class Of 1943



THE AGAWAM HIGH CLASS of 1943 recently gathered for its 55-year reunion. The event was held at the Suffield Country Club.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AHS CLASS OF 1943 members who traveled the furthest to attend their 55-year reunion at the Suffield Country Club were Merle Farnsworth Riel, Texas; Norman Wood; Ardys Farnsworth Lynch, Brooklyn; Charlotte Gravel Toelken, Arizona; June Campbell McDonald, Westboro, MA; and Brenda Hartley Baer, Laconia, New Hampshire. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws Chapter 138, that K & M, Inc., d/b/a Alexander's, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, has applied for Transfer of License, Transfer of Stock, New Officers/Directors, Pledge of License and Transfer of Manager, to Charles A. Grasso. Building consisting of: lounge and banquet facility, foyer and storage area, kitchen, excluding the hallway to the racquetball courts. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 1998, at 7:00 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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## Church News Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, October 4th, is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "The Steadfast Love of God," taken from Text: Lamentations 3:22. His Children's Message will be "God's World."

The "Neighbors in Need" offering that has been collected will be dedicated during the service.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Stewardship program for the church begins this Sunday, October 4th, and will continue through November 8th.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is spaghetti sauce.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

This is your last chance to join the fun! A Pot Luck Supper & Twin Silo's Mini Golf will be held this Friday, October 2nd.

The Pot Luck Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m., with golf to follow. Call the church office at 786-7111 for more information and/or to register.

The "Great Pumpkin Adventure" at Fini's Plant Farm on October 18th at 1:00 p.m. is being sponsored by our Family Outreach Program.

Experience a non-scary hayride through "Dead Man's Woods." Pick your own pumpkin and enjoy the "corn maze" and the "hay maze." Pony rides are also available for \$1.

The cost to attend this event is \$3.50 per person. A snack bar will be open (or BYO lunch), and picnic tables are available. Reservations and prepayment are required.

Sign-up at the Coffee Hour or call the church office at 786-7111.

Spread the word!!! The Youth Committee is sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" on Friday, October 30th, that will be open to the seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community.

There will be a Best Costume Contest, games, and prizes. The fee is just \$3, plus a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry.

The dance will run from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Bryan Hall. A "no re-entry" policy will be in effect, and the music will be provided by "Music Celebration" DJ Chuck Malloy.

Sign up early because this event will be limited to 150 teens. Call the church office at 786-7111.

## Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

### OVER 60 CLUB

All are welcome to join us and *rejoin* our Club for 1998-99.

The Club's next trip is a "Fall Foliage" event, including a visit to the Cathedral of the Pines (with lunch at Picky Place). The cost is \$43, and there are a few seats available. Call Barbara at 786-7037 or Lil at 787-9586.

### ST. JOHN'S GUILD

The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held on Tuesday, October 6th. There will be a mystery ride (sounds like fun!).

New members are most welcome.

### MOTHERS' PLAYGROUP

Our Mothers' Playgroup for little people resumed last Tuesday. The group meets each Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

If interested in joining, please call Amy at 789-4264.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### 1998-1999 Schedule

Grades 1-4: Saturday morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Grades 5-7: Tuesday evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.  
Grades 8-10: Monday evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.  
Confirmation (Grade 11): Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (to begin in October).

### CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. New members are always most welcome to join.

## Chicken Suppers Back At Valley Community Church

Our supper workers are excited! After a long (and much-needed) summer vacation, the kitchen crew at Valley Community Church is ready to get back to what they do best — and that is baking chicken.

The next community-famous **Chicken Supper** will be held on Saturday, October 10th. The menu will be filled with baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and beverages. The dessert table will once again be filled with many different, delectable, enticing, and guaranteed-fattening desserts for you to choose from.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children.

As in the past, reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling Jeff at 789-2552 or Shirley at 786-2576.

## First Baptist Church To Celebrate Communion This Week

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at the First Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard Barnes' message of the morning will be "On Being A Shepherd." He will use Ephesians 4: 1-15 as his scriptural text.

The responsive reading will be led by Linda Scheve. A communion anthem will be offered by the choir.

Following morning worship, classes for all ages will be held, with coffee and conversation preceding classes.

There are two adult classes available this season. Pastor Barnes is again leading a discussion of Baptist beliefs and practices, while Mercedes Barnes and Marianne Tompkins will head a discussion of the Bible. Nursery care is provided during the morning.

The Visiting Committee will hold a brief meeting immediately following worship.

At 6:30 p.m., the Religious Education Committee will meet in Lockhart Parlor.

Coming up this week: On Monday, October 5th, at 7:30 p.m., the Amicitia Circle will hold its meeting in Lockhart Parlor. Special speaker will be Dr. Robert Overstreet, Area Minister of Pioneer Valley Baptists in Massachusetts.

His message will be "You Can Do It," which is the theme this year for the American Baptist Women. All members are encouraged to attend this meaningful meeting.

Also this week:

**Monday, October 5th:** 7:00 p.m., Sunshine Circle at the home of Diana LaZazzera; 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

**Tuesday, October 6th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

**Wednesday, October 7th:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

**Thursday, October 8th:** 10:00 a.m., Executive Board of Women's Fellowship (in Davis Hall); 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Friday, October 9th:** Youth Leaders' Dinner and Discussion.

**Saturday, October 10th:** 7:00 p.m., Single Parent Support Group.

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**Handling Adversity...**

From time to time, each of us encounter aggravating people or suffer adverse experiences which get under our skin. Try as we may, we become unable to get over or get rid of the sense of being bothered. For some of us, the trauma of such events haunts us for a long time, whether or not we can remember all the details of the troubling incident. Where, if any place, can we find relief from such troubles of the heart and soul?

In Psalm 37 we read, **Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it only leads to evil.**

Three times the Lord implores us, "Do not fret." It is important to know that the word "fret" has changed meaning over the years, since the Bible was first translated into English.

In 1611, when the King James Bible was published, "fret" meant "to inflame yourself" or "to brood" or "to stew in your own anger." Since then, "fret" has changed meaning so that nowadays "fret" means "worry."

Just as the word "gay" has dramatically changed its meaning over the past 50 years or so, so "fret" has also changed its meaning. It does not help us that, unfortunately, virtually all of the English translations available to us today carry over the King James word "fret," without bothering to update the translation properly.

Three times, the Lord implores us not to brood, stew in our own anger, or to inflame ourselves; because of what has happened to us or because of what others have done to us.

We may wonder why in such a brief passage the Bible is so repetitive; most likely, it is because we won't get it the first time and need to be reminded several times! Fortunately, God also gives us practical instructions on how we can correct ourselves from fretting.

The first thing we can do to either avoid fretting or to stop fretting is to **trust in the Lord**. We are not subject to an impersonal and unconcerned fate. Each of us are people who were created by a very loving and concerned God.

Sometimes people are oblivious to this essential truth when things are going their way. However, when people or events turn against us, it is good to know God hasn't also turned against us. God says, "Trust Me."

Trusting that God loves us and is really in control goes a long way in helping us not fret, because we find the more we trust God the less we fret.

God tells us to **refrain from anger, and to forsake wrath**. The Bible tells us that **people's anger does not produce God's righteousness**. God commands us, **Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger**. Our anger usually only gets us into further trouble.

Finally, **commit your way to the Lord**. If we decide in our minds that God's will for our lives is best, and determine in our hearts to do God's will, we really don't need to fret.

In essence, God says to us, "Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not need your help, so have a good day! PS. I love you!"

## Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, October 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

## Stop By Valley Community Church While At The Big E

The fun just never stops as members of Valley Community Church open their booth in the Food Court at The Big E again this year.

And even though the preparation work is long and intense, it is also stirring memories of last year's enjoyment. So as they race down the final days until the gates open on Friday, September 18th, we watch as they fly by in a dither, with grit determination on their faces, focused on what they need to accomplish and knowing, by past experience, that all will be ready with time to spare by Friday.

We invite all in our community to stop by to eat while enjoying all the sights and sounds of The Big E. The booth, located in the Food Court directly behind the Coliseum, will be opening for breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and stay open until the gates close each evening. There will be a wide variety of foods, from soups to burgers, from pancakes and eggs to peanut butter and jelly (made just for kids). And those delicious homemade fruit cobbles, just like Grandma used to make, will once again be available.

So of the noise and the crowds and the sea of strangers begin to get to you, take a break and come by the church booth. You're sure to find a familiar, smiling face behind the counter, encouraging you to once again enjoy the sights and the sounds of this year's Big E.

## St. David's Episcopal Church To Hold Oct. 2nd Oktoberfest Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting an Oktoberfest Dinner this Friday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include sauerbraten, dumplings, red cabbage, carrot salad, rolls, beverages (coffee, tea, and cold drinks), and assorted German desserts.

There will be live German music as entertainment.

Tickets are \$10 for adults. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's, the Cornerstone Christian Bookstore (337 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam), or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

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**Church News - continued...****News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion. Bernice Burton and Marama Breuninger will be serving Communion this week.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, are Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26, Psalm 137, or Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14, and Luke 17:5-10.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "What Is Evangelism, Anyway?"

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

On October 4th and again on October 11th, we will take a collection for Neighbors in Need. This fund helps establish community-based programs to help many people across our nation, including young people, those poorly educated, or those suffering from poverty.

One-third of the offering is spent on the 20 Native American congregations of the UCC. This is a multi-cultural project which seeks to help all who need it.

The annual CROP Walk will take place here in Agawam on Sunday, October 18th. Funds raised by this walk benefit overseas areas as well as

local agencies. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will receive 25 percent of the funds raised!

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street. The 10-kilometer walk itself begins at 2:00 p.m.

Most churches in the area have organizers, but you may call Bob Broga at 786-7720 or this church at 786-5061 if you have not been contacted and would like to participate.

The Eastern States Exposition will end on Sunday, October 4th. There is still time to stop in and have dinner with us at the Meeting House in Storowton Village.

Our church members will happily serve you a scrumptious meal of meatloaf, baked ham, chicken pot pie, capon, or roast beef. If you don't drop in soon, you have to wait until next year!

On the calendar:

**Friday, October 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

**Sunday, October 4th:** 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion; Neighbors in Need collection; Big E ends.

**Monday, October 5th:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

**Tuesday, October 6th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, October 7th:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 5:00 p.m., Rev. Rob serving dinner at Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, October 8th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**AGAWAM CLERGY TO HELP WITH THANKSGIVING - from Page 1...**

The dinner will be open to all members of the community and is intended to bring together people who may be spending the holiday alone, particularly the elderly and families who may be living far from their extended families.

After witnessing first-hand in West Springfield what can be accomplished when clergy and lay people from across the Christian community pool their resources and talents, Rev. Donaldson set about trying to generate the spark to energize an interdenominational group dedicated to identifying and serving the needs of Agawam residents.

Rev. Donaldson knew the clergy was ready. Now he needed to enlist the support of the laity. He found the catalyst in Valley Community Church member Kathy Munley and invited her to some meetings of the Agawam Clergy Association.

As a member of a small congregation with a part-time minister, Mrs. Manley felt her church, as well as other churches in town, may sometimes be unaware of what other churches are doing to serve the needs of the community and missing opportunities to lend their time and talents in cooperative efforts.

"I felt the clergy needed a support group with lay people so we can support each other rather than hearing later about things we might have helped out with but didn't know about," Mrs. Manley said. "I would like to see Agawam as a united, revival Christian community. It was time to see if we could jump-start something here."

**Gaining Momentum And Members...**

The rest is soon to be history. The Agawam Parish Association was formed and has been

slowly gathering momentum, and members, over the last few months. Currently, the group has members from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, the Agawam Congregational Church, the Agawam Baptist Church, the Agawam Church of the Bible, Bethany Assembly of God, the Agawam Methodist Church, and St. David's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Manley said the Parish Association would give the separate congregations the ability to band together with their different abilities and areas of strength, resources, and manpower to fill some of the needs of the community as a whole.

This week, fliers are going out to all of the Protestant and Catholic churches in town in order to elicit support for the association's first project, the Thanksgiving dinner. Area businesses will also be contacted for donations to help make the project possible.

Rev. Donaldson said he already has the support and commitment of help in filling any shortfalls in food or donations from the West Side clergy. "I am forever grateful to them," Rev. Donaldson said.

Volunteers will be needed to perform the myriad of tasks behind any large-scale dinner, from preparing vegetables and turkeys the day before to cooking, serving, and cleaning up after the holiday meal as well as delivering meals to shut-ins.

Anyone wishing to help out in advance or on Thanksgiving Day can contact Rev. Donaldson at 786-2590, Lani Kretschmar at 786-9025, or any member of the steering committee.

**Catholic Women's Club To Hold "The Living Rosary"**

A unique worship service entitled "The Living Rosary" will be held by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club on October 12th at St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, Agawam.

Members will meet at the church's Social Center at 7:00 p.m. and cover their individual flashlights with paper; red for those who will lead recitation of the "Our Fathers," and blue for those who will say the "Hail Marys." They will proceed in a group to the church, fanning out around the entire church to form a living rosary.

Alice Buell, chairlady of the program, will initiate the service from the pulpit by listing intentions and remembering deceased members. She will also announce the five mysteries. Club officers at the front of the church will lead the first prayers of the Rosary. Other members in groups of 10 will lead the Hail Marys, separated by persons leading the "Our Fathers."

Church lights will be dimmed and as each prayer is recited, that leader will light her flashlight until the entire Rosary is completed. The colored lights and their holders will be forming "The Living Rosary."

There will be singing of hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary, led by Sister Frances White. Music Director Charles Maniscalchi will play the organ.

After the service, members will return to the Social Center for the October business meeting and a social. Rita Allen is in charge of refreshments, assisted by Aureore Craig, Carolyn Fiester, Dorothy Frenette, Alice Pietroniro, Evelyn Romano, and Jane Trevethan.

**"Taste Of Italy" To Be Held At Mt. Carmel Parish In Spfld.**

The seventh Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Springfield will be held on Saturday, October 3rd in the school auditorium at 36 Margaret Street beginning at 4:30 p.m.

A wide variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods from all regions of Italy will please your palate. Food tickets in 50-cent increments will be sold at the door.

There will also be live Italian music. A benefit raffle for the parish preschool will take place at 8:00 p.m.

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## Spotlight On Business

# Shugart Gets 5th Degree Black Belt In TaeKwon-Do

On Saturday, September 26th, in Manchester, Connecticut, Ray Shugart was promoted to his 5th degree black belt in TaeKwon-Do.

He and three other chief instructors were awarded their belts by Grand Master Hwang, a 9th degree black belt.

Shugart has been training in the martial arts for over 30 years, and has been in the International TaeKwon-Do Federation for 24 years.

He is the owner and chief instructor for Hwang's TaeKwon-Do in Agawam, which is located across the street from the Agawam Police Station.

Back in 1968, Shugart started his martial arts training in the Air Force and trained in various styles until meeting Master Hwang in 1975. After that, he started his formal training in the International TaeKwon-Do Federation, and since that time, he has assisted Master Hwang in his travels throughout the United States, Canada, and many other countries worldwide during his career.

In 1976, Shugart was one of four representatives of the United States who competed in the Caribbean TaeKwon-Do Olympics, where he was awarded the gold medal in sparring competition. In 1984, he was one of three members who accompanied Master Hwang on a tour of Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Taiwan.

In 1988, Shugart was the gold medalist for sparring and in forms at the New England Champion-

ships. A year later, he was appointed national team manager of the D.P.R. Korea tour (Student Festival).

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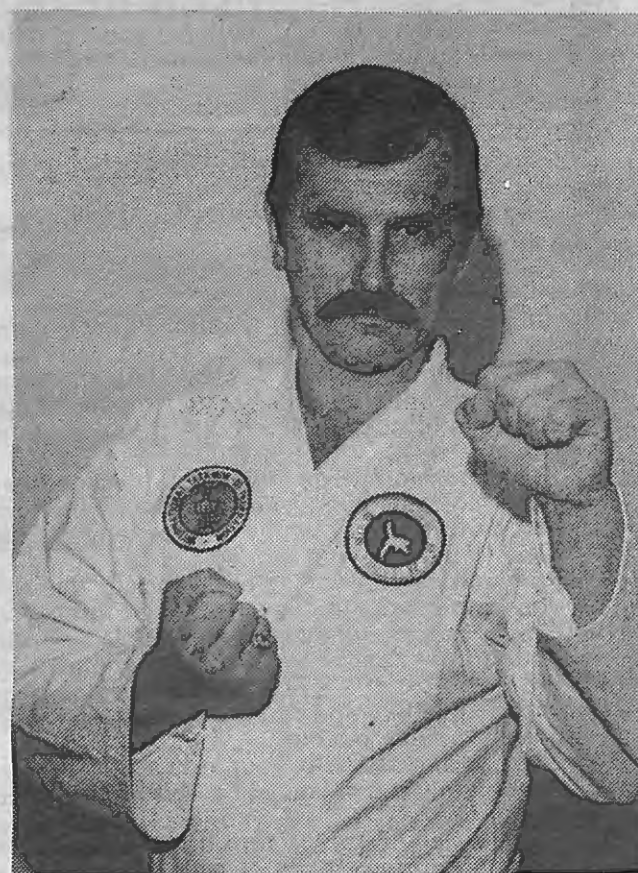
At the start of this decade in 1990, Shugart was the United States team manager for the first Soviet International TaeKwon-Do Championships. From 1991 to 1996, he became an adjunct professor at Springfield College for its accredited self-defense program.

In 1992, Shugart again managed the U.S. team to D.P.R. Korea for the 8th World TaeKwon-Do Championships. In 1995, he managed the 2nd Junior World TaeKwon-Do Championships in Warsaw, Poland; a year later, he managed the 3rd Junior World TaeKwon-Do Championships in Prague, Czech Republic.

And now, in 1998, Shugart has been appointed the U.S. team manager for the 4th Junior World TaeKwon-Do Championships in New Delhi, India.

In 1993, Shugart was appointed Vice-President of the Hwang's Black Belt Association, and is chairman of the examining board for 2nd degree black belt. He has been appointed "Instructor of the Year" in 1988, 1991, and again in 1992.

Shugart attended Pair School of Art in Hampden, Connecticut, and was an accomplished technical illustrator for over 20 years before teaching full-time in 1991. He has one married daughter.



**RAY SHUGART**, owner of Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do in Feeding Hills, recently received his 5th degree black belt. Shugart holds regular kardio kickboxing classes six days a week (where some women have lost as much as 30 pounds since April) as well as his regular TaeKwon-Do classes.

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**Some Tips For Daily Savings...**

Listed below are several ideas on how you can save money on a daily basis...

- Before you buy *anything*, ask yourself, "Do I want this or do I really need it?"

- Stop reaching for the plastic. In fact, carry less cash and plastic with you. Try to carry just what you need for the day. Avoid ATM's and write checks to pay specific bills, not just "cash." If you write checks to cash, you will never know where your money went.

- Every morning, write down how much money you have. Every evening, see how much you have left. Account for every penny ... knowledge is the only way to control your money.

- Put each member on an allowance ... this will tell you where your money goes and keep you from being nickel-and-dimed to death. It also will encourage your family to learn to manage their money.

- Shop with a list, and do your best to stick with it. Control impulse buying!

- Share your goals with your kids so that everybody understands and you will all be on the same "saving track."

- Make a daily effort to turn off unused lights (not to mention unwatched TV sets), don't waste water, and don't make unnecessary trips in the car.

These are just a few of the many helpful ideas that I have come across to make saving money a little bit easier. I welcome your ideas ... please mail them to Raymond Rose c/o The Agawam Advertiser News ... thanks!

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The offices of **The PIONEER GROUP** are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, October 10th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **The PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval.

## Linda Callahan Joins Keenan & Molta's Office In Agawam

Robert P. Molta, President of COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, is proud to announce that LINDA CALLAHAN has joined the company's Agawam office.

Linda has been listing and selling residential properties in the greater Springfield area since 1990. She attended Holyoke Community College and holds both a Massachusetts and Connecticut real estate license.

During her real estate career, she has received both Certified Buyer Representative (CBR) and Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designations. Linda has been a consistent multi-million dollar producer.

Linda resides in Westfield with her family.

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## Deborah A. Kumiega Promoted To Asst. V.P. At Westbank

Deborah A. Kumiega has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice-President of Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mrs. Kumiega joined Westbank in 1985 and, following a number of promotions, was named Branch Administrator.

She has been active in many business and civic organizations throughout her banking career, and resides in Chicopee with her husband, Ronald W. Kumiega.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Pam Savioli****Landry, Lyons &  
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As you start your home buying process, you'll need to define your needs, tastes, and preferences. Narrow down your search by identifying the home styles you like best — such as two-story, ranch, contemporary, or townhouse.

Decide what features you must have in a home and those you'd like to have. Do you want a two-car garage, family room, or fireplace?

In making your decisions, consider your lifestyle realistically. If you don't like yard work, you might want a condo or a home with little landscaping. Hobbyists may need a work room or extra garage space.

Think about the neighborhood in which you'd like to live. Pick out neighborhoods that appeal to you and talk to the people who live there. Ask your sales associate about property taxes, including any pending increases or special assessments.

Also be aware of any neighborhood restrictions. Look for evidence of good zoning practices. Businesses or industries should not be mixed in with residences. Other regulations, such as on-street parking, may also be in force.

For more real estate information, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

## **Linda Foote Santinello Ranks Fourth For Buyer Controlled Sales**

During the second quarter of 1998, LINDA FOOTE SANTINELLO, a sales associate with COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, ranked fourth in the state of Massachusetts for all of COLDWELL BANKER CORPORATION in the category of buyer controlled sales.

Originally from West Springfield, Linda is now a long-time resident of Feeding Hills, where she resides with her husband, Ronald, who is a member of the Laborers Union Local 999.

Linda is a graduate of the Jane Pendleton School of Business in Amherst, Massachusetts. She received her real estate license in 1990 and has been a consistent top producer.

In 1997, Linda was agent of the year in the COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES Springfield office. She specializes in listing residential properties and working with first-time buyers.

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## **Suggested Dates For Holiday Mail**

The Agawam Post Office has announced the following suggested mail dates for the holiday season. Beat the last-minute rush and bring your mail to your U.S. post office or APO/FPO military post office by the following dates:

Military mail (air letters, cards, and Priority) addressed to the following should be brought to the post office by **December 3rd**: APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-097; APO/FPO AE ZIPs 098; APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340; and APO/FPO AP ZIPs.

U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes (air letters, cards, and Priority) should be brought to the post office by **December 5th**.

Parcel Airlift (PAL) and Space Available (SAM) military mail should be mailed no later than **November 21st**. Surface military mail, no later than **November 1st**.

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International mail should be sent as follows:

Africa: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 26th** (surface); Australia/New Zealand: **December 10th** (air letters & cards), **December 3rd** (Air Parcel Post), **November 3rd** (surface); Canada: **December 14th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 27th** (surface); Caribbean: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface).

Europe: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface); Far East/Southeast Asia: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface); Middle East: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 30th** (surface); Central & South America: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface).

## **Legal Memo**

by

**Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.**  
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## **Parent And Child Fitness Of Teen Mother**

Where a mother, who gave birth to two children before she turned 18, was found to be an unfit parent and it accordingly was determined that the best interests of her children would be served by not requiring her consent to their adoption, the finding of unfitness was not supported by clear and convincing evidence and the matter must therefore be remanded.

A judge ruled: When read together, [the procedural background and the Juvenile Court judge's findings] reflect neither the close attention to the evidence nor the clear and convincing proof of unfitness required to support permanent legal severance of a mother's natural ties to her children ... Instead, what emerges is a process unduly driven by the difficulties attendant to the mother giving birth to two children when she was but a child herself and a result reached without sufficient attention by the department and the judge to signs of her maturation as a person and a parent ...

Accordingly, the decrees was vacated, and remand the matter for a new trial which is to include consideration of the effect, if any, of the young mother's maturing and reaching her majority upon her current parental fitness and the best interests of the children, together with any relevant evidence developed since the previous hearing.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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# For Your Health



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Dairy Foods May Reduce Colon Cancer Risk

A study in the September 23rd issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* heralds new weapons in the fight against colon cancer — and they can be found in the dairy case.

The study indicates that low-fat dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt may reduce the risk of developing the disease. Colon cancer, the third-leading cause of cancer death and new cancer causes in both men and women in the United States, will strike approximately six percent of all adult Americans.

Researchers examined the effects of increasing consumption of low-fat dairy products in 70 people at risk for the disease. A control group maintained conventional diets, while an experimental group increased their intake of low-fat dairy products to reach 1,500 mg of calcium per day. Participants were monitored for one year to evaluate changes in the cells lining the colon and a number of "biomarkers" — or indicators — for colon cancer.

Significant positive changes were observed in the high-dairy intake group at both six and 12 months, including a reduction in the growth of abnormal cells. Increased low-fat dairy food intake also may have returned some pre-cancerous colon cells to their normal state, according to the study.

"This study reinforces previous evidence that low-fat dairy foods may play a key role in reducing the risk of colon cancer," said Peter Holt, M.D., professor of medicine at Columbia University and the lead investigator of the study. "Increasing consumption of dairy foods, which has long been recommended to prevent osteoporosis and other serious diseases, should also be considered as a preventive measure for those at risk of colon cancer."

Numerous studies have indicated that calcium is a likely factor in dairy's protective role. However, the authors suggest that other nutrients found in dairy foods may also play a part in reducing the risk of developing the disease. Such components include vitamin D, butyrate, sphingomyelin, and conjugated linoleic acid (CLA).

"Diet is a major factor in the development of colon cancer. Although fruits and vegetables have been on the center stage for some time, now a whole body of recent research is making dairy a rising star in the fight against cancer," said Greg Miller, Ph.D., vice president, nutrition research and technology transfer, National Dairy Council. "The study truly gives people another good reason to head toward the dairy case for better overall health."

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

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### Fitness Tips...

## Walk It Off

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN  
Fitness First's Fitness Consultant

For those of you that already have fitness incorporated into your life, you know walking is a fantastic exercise. For those of you that haven't added exercise to your lifestyle, this is a great place to start.

For weight loss, stress reduction, and overall well-being, many say this is the route to take. Experts feel 45 minutes every day at a brisk pace will take those extra pounds right off.

Walking is the best for many reasons. First, you already know how to do it. Second, you don't need any real equipment except a supportive shoe. Walking is easy on the joints, so if it doesn't hurt, you'll probably stick with it. It also burns a lot of calories, which is why when people start walking, the weight comes off (slow and steady).

That 45-minute rule is a little important. Many find 30 minutes just doesn't show the results they are looking for. You can split it up to three, 15-minute sessions if you want to.

Not all of us have 45 minutes extra in our day, but some of us just haven't looked hard enough for it. Daily is important for a different reason. Many find if they commit to their daily walk, it takes the decision-making part out of it. It is simply part of your routine, like waking up and eating breakfast.

If you've got a few pounds to lose, walking can do it. No, it doesn't give you a green light to inhale massive amounts, but if you're eating a basically healthy diet, lower in fat, wide variety, lots of fruits and veggies, and plenty of water, walking can do the rest.

An average 150-pound person walking at a good pace will burn up to 300 calories per walk. If you change nothing else, you'll lose one pound of fat every 10 days. That's not bad if you remember the slower the weight loss, the better. Don't become a slave to that scale; it doesn't give you all the facts. (I know I covered this before in another article, but some people are so stubborn in this area.)

This time of year is great for walking. It is easy to keep it interesting with all the colors and brisk air. Enjoy your time out there; this is how you'll stick to it.

Keep a good pace. Walk as if you have somewhere to go and you can't wait to get there. Trust me, you'll stick with it.

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### Be Careful When Raking Leaves...

The vibrant colors of changing leaves with crisp, cool air can attract even the most homebody out of doors for a couple of hours of leaf raking. For those with larger yards and more trees, the task of leaf raking can become a dreaded yearly occurrence.

For many of us, this yearly ritual causes aches and pains, especially in the lower back. In some, the pain just won't go away. Leaf raking is a strenuous activity to the muscles and ligaments of the lower back. All that twisting and pulling is especially hard on the spine.

To prevent those undesirable problems, it's important to keep your back in good shape. Warm up before beginning your work. Slowly stretch and limber up the muscles in your back. Don't forget your leg and arm muscles, too!

Remember to alternate raking from the left and right sides to maintain proper balance of the spinal muscles. When loading leaves into a bag, be sure to bend your legs rather than your back. Keep these bags small when the leaves are damp and heavy.

Have regular check-ups with your chiropractic physician. By maintaining proper alignment of the spine, your chance of more serious spinal problems is less. The doctor of chiropractic may advise against this activity, depending upon the condition of the low back.

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**For Your Health - continued...****Free Screenings For Depression To Be Offered At Noble**

Mental health professionals from the Fowler Wing at Noble Hospital will offer local residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression/manic-depressions and to participate in a free screening as part of National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, October 8th.

The free program will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. To register or for additional information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5550.

National Depression Screening Day, held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week, was developed by Harvard psychiatrist, Dr. Douglas Jacobs. Last year, more than 85,000 people attended screenings at 3,000 sites nationwide. National Depression Screening Day inaugurated the concept of screening for mental illness when it began in 1991.

Participants at the Fowler Wing's Depression Screening will hear at brief talk on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of depression/manic-depression followed by a short video. Individuals will anonymously complete a written screening test for depression and have the opportunity to discuss the results with a mental health professional.

Depression and manic-depression strike more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment even though treatment can help 80 to 90 percent of those affected.

Common symptoms of depression include feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, restlessness, irritability, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy, and thoughts of death or suicide. Manic-depression includes feelings of euphoria or agitation.

"We hope that this nationwide effort to provide mental health screenings for depression/manic-depression will educate the public about the signs and symptoms of these illnesses and encourage those who may be suffering to seek evaluation and treatment," said National Depression Screening Day Project Director, Dr. Douglas Jacobs.

National Depression Screening Day is sponsored on a national level by the American Psychiatric Association, National Mental Health Association, National Institute of Mental Health, McLean Hospital, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association.

The program is also supported in part by an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company, with additional funding provided by Abbott Laboratories, Charter Behavioral Systems, and Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

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**Support Groups, Courses, & Programs At Noble Hospital****SUPPORT GROUPS**

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Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesdays, October 14th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at these meetings will be announced, and they will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

**Diabetes:** Tuesday, October 27th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Mary Gina Trevisani, M.D., will present the topic "Diabetes and Eye Care."

**Better Breathers:** Wednesday, October 14th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties.

At this meeting, James Moran, RRT, will present the topic "Oxygen and Travel."

**Crohn's and Colitis:** Tuesday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

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Paul Farkas, M.D., will present the topic "Coping With Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

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**Barnes Airport Open House in Westfield, MA:** Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission.

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**The Fowler Wing at Noble Hospital is Offering Free Screenings for Depression and Manic-Depression During National Depression Screening Day - October 8, 1998:** The free program will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To register and to receive additional information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5550.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesdays, October 20th and November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursdays, October 1st, 15th, and 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

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**34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball - "Autumn Leaves":** Saturday, October 24th. At the School Street Bistro.

The ball will feature music by "Mass Confusion," and proceeds from this event will benefit the proposed Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital.

To find out more information about attending the event or how to help sponsor the 34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball, call the Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5030.

**Two-Part CPR Course:** Wednesdays, October 21st and 28th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association adult, child, and infant certification.

The cost of the course is \$45. To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

**New Treatments and Arthritis Lecture:** Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Presented by Dr. David J. Pierangelo, Board Certified Rheumatologist on Staff at Noble Hospital.

This lecture is free of charge. However, seating is limited, so advance registration is required.

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It's the fall season — kids back to school, soccer games galore, meetings and schedules to adhere to, and the holidays right around the corner. Agghh!

Is this creating some stress in your life? Now that bathing suit weather is gone, is your diet gone, too? What we eat can directly affect the stress in our lives.

So for a "low-stress diet," follow these guidelines:

1. Don't eat when you're not hungry.
2. Eat foods in whole forms, as opposed to processed.
3. Don't combine sugars with proteins.
4. Eat animal sources food without preservatives and in moderation.
5. Eat raw food with every meal (salads, fruit, etc.).
6. Eat small meals throughout the day instead of big ones.
7. Avoid extremely hot foods (decreases enzymes in the stomach).
8. NO SODA (sugar and acids affect the body).
9. No refined sugar/no white breads.
10. NO JUNK FOODS.
11. Drink six to eight glasses of water per day.

Decrease the stress in your life, eat healthy, and avoid stressful foods! (P.S.: You may want to start this after the Big E!)

**Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.**

## Support Group For Parents Of Children With ADHD

The Agawam Counseling Center is offering a group for parents of children with ADHD.

The group will provide support and information for parents. Participants will have a chance to share ideas with each other, along with learning about new ideas and resources about how to meet the challenges of parenting a child with ADHD.

The group will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:20 p.m. for eight weeks, starting in October. The meetings will be held at the Agawam Counseling Center, 30 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The group will be led by Nancy Jessup, LICSW, a clinician and school counselor with many years of experience working with children and their families.

For more information, contact the Agawam Counseling Center at 786-6410.

## Agawam Health Dept. Slated Influenza Clinic At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright Street for Wednesday, October 21st, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

There will also be a clinic at Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, October 27th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, November 10th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Mercy Hospital To Offer Free Foot Screening For Diabetics

Mercy Hospital will conduct free foot screenings for diabetics on Wednesday, October 7th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center in Springfield.

Podiatrists will identify a variety of foot problems, including ingrown nails, athlete's foot, ulcerations, and infections. No treatment will be provided at the screenings; however, information on proper foot care and blood pressure check will be offered.

Participants must have a confirmed diagnosis of diabetes and be on medication for the condition; socks and shoes that are easily removed should be worn to the screening.

"Diabetics are particularly susceptible to significant foot problems," according to James Courniotes II, D.P.M., physician coordinator of Mercy Hospital's screening. "A problem which may be minor in a non-diabetic person can be limb- or life-threatening for a diabetic."

Appointments are required; call (413) 748-9044 weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## Local Meetings Dealing With Mental Illness Issues

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, Inc. has announced the following groups which are free and open to the public.

**For Those With Depression and Manic Depression-Westfield:** 20 Broad, Street, Westfield. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

**For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness:** AMI-WM Office, 717½ Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**For Adults with a Mentally-Ill Relative-Agawam:** Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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## CARE CALENDAR

### OPTIONS

#### FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Helpful grief recovery programs for this month offered free of charge to the community by Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

#### • Widowed Support Group •

October 14, 10:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-3:30pm  
Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam

October 22, 1:30pm-3:30pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Forastiere Smith Grief Support Center  
220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow

#### • Younger Widowed Support Group •

October 8, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Forastiere Smith Grief Support Center  
220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow

#### • Family & Friends Support •

October 14, 7:00pm-9:00pm

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## Arts

### Hilltop Players To Stage "Carnival" At Red Door Theatre

The HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre will present the delightful musical "CARNIVAL" by Bob Merrill and Michael Stewart on October 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th at 7:30 p.m. and October 18th at 2:00 p.m. at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"CARNIVAL" has a cast of 30 adults and young people who perform in roles such as MARCO the MAGNIFICENT MAGICIAN (Tom LeCourt of Westfield), the INCOMPARABLE ROSALIE, his assistant (Jean Latif of W. Springfield), LILL, an orphan (Rebecca Shaefer of Enfield), PAUL, the puppeteer (Steven Sands of Agawam), JACQUOT, his assistant (Leonard Pupello of Feeding Hills), Roustabouts, Jugglers, Snake Charmers, Gypsies, etc.

The musical has such familiar tunes as "LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND" and "IT WAS ALWAYS, ALWAYS YOU." The RED DOOR THEATRE will take on the atmosphere of a carnival with seating in three-quarter round format and cast members entering, exiting, and performing in the audience space.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. Shows at the intimate RED DOOR THEATRE, awarded second place in the Springfield Advocate Reader's Poll as "THE BEST PLACE TO SEE LIVE THEATRE," usually sell out, so seating is by reservation.

For tickets or information, call (413) 789-2026. ["Carnival" is being presented by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark, 560 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10022.]

### "First Friday" Series To Kick-Off New Season On Oct. 2nd

The Agawam Cultural Council has announced that its "First Friday" Series for 1998-1999 will begin this Friday, October 2nd, with the program "Dancing Out Of The Dark."

This presentation is an interpretation of the story of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller. Produced by Way Off Broadway, Inc., "Dancing Out Of The Dark" will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School Auditorium, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Funding for this program is provided through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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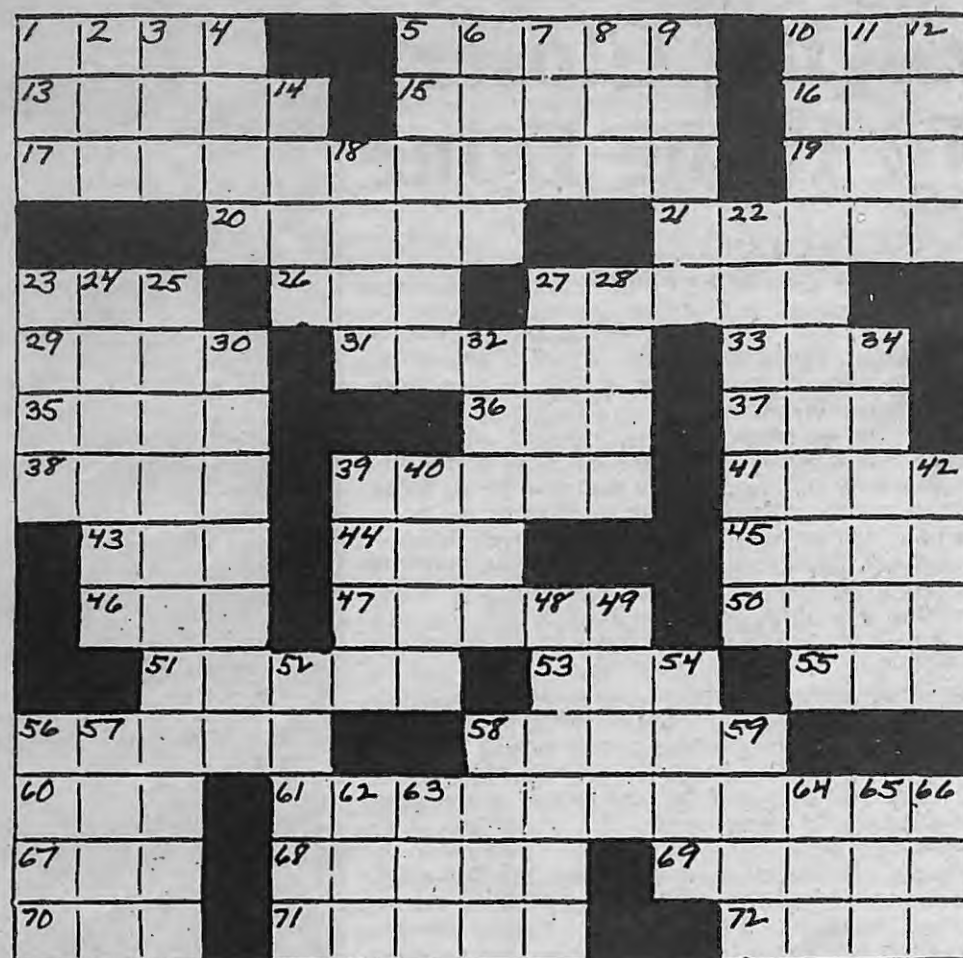
## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

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- 16 Building addition
- 17 Minding the P's and Q's
- 19 Pinky or Peggy
- 20 Loaded down
- 21 Fred or Steve
- 23 Morning moisture
- 26 Cell material
- 27 Theme
- 29 Hebrew measurement
- 31 Protective covering
- 33 "The big — wolf"
- 35 Heap up
- 36 Cafe serving
- 37 Actress Arden
- 38 "— Well That Ends..."
- 39 Ponti
- 41 Turn on an axis
- 43 Singer Sumac
- 44 Marie Callas' lover
- 45 Aspen for one
- 46 Salt (French)
- 47 Steep slope
- 50 Abominable snowman
- 51 Mosquito genus
- 53 Swiss river
- 55 "— Moines"
- 56 Rectory
- 58 Enter into
- 60 French friend
- 61 Neat as a pin
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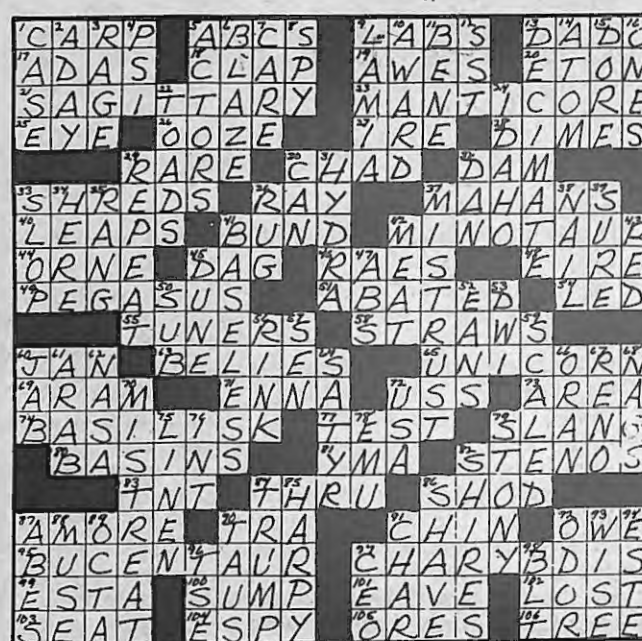
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- 27 "— Flanders"
- 28 Chocolate cookie
- 30 Cost plus profit
- 32 "West Side Story" heroine
- 34 Expunge
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- 42 Hilo garlands
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- 59 Pillage
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## Education

# Clark School Edging Closer To Being Done

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Life isn't the only thing that's like a box of chocolates. Sometimes you never know what you're going to get in the midst of a school renovation project, either.

Over the summer, school officials identified James Clark School as the source of the most troublesome glitches in the two-year-long, \$19.6 million construction and renovation projects at the four elementary schools and the High School.

At Clark, construction crews and town building maintenance workers played beat the clock as the first day of school neared, with work still ongoing to correct structural design flaws in the cafeteria and the gym.

As expected, the cafeteria was ready for opening day and work continued in the gym. Also, as expected, the library media center would be used as a temporary storage depot for the furniture and supplies that couldn't be distributed while construction continued over the summer. The classrooms were ready, but supplies had yet to be delivered. Boxes of supplies lined the hallways because construction work in the gym blocked access to the school's main storage supply closet.

But no one expected that a delay in receiving replacement windows would lead to windows being covered over with plywood, or that flies — dozens of them — would find their way in through the cracks.

"In terms of the construction, it was a rocky start. But, in terms of the children and the teachers, things went smoothly," according to Principal Sandra Howard. "The classes ran smoothly, the busses ran smoothly, and there were no issues in terms of safety for the children."

Fast forward four weeks.

Most of the replacement windows have been installed, giving the school a totally new look from the outside and a sunnier, more spacious aspect from inside the classrooms. The main entrance to the school has been moved to the back of the building with a new entryway and landscaping.

The plague of flies ended with the installation of no-pest strips; a handful of offices and one classroom still await new windows; the gym should be ready for children in about a week; and the long-awaited library media center is expected to open during the first two weeks of October.

"Our library media center is huge. We're going to have a carpeted Reading Roost area for the children, and we will have computer banks as well as individual study carrels where students will have access to 11 computers. The librarian will have one computer for cataloguing the books," Mrs. Howard said. "I've never had a facility like this in any school before."

Hired to oversee the operation of the four elementary school libraries, Jennifer Green is hoping to get enough volunteers in place to open the Robinson Park School Library next week. After that, the library at Clark School should be ready within three weeks, followed soon after by the Granger School Library. At Phelps, work is continuing to renovate the old cafeteria for use as the school library.

### Huge Number Of Educational Opportunities...

Ms. Green said the library centers will open a huge number of educational opportunities for the students at all four schools. As the School Department's first full-time elementary school librarian, she will be able to add to the libraries' collections in a way that was impossible for the parents who served as volunteer librarians in the past.

This year, Ms. Green has one full-time assistant to rotate among the four elementary school libraries, but eventually she hopes to have a full-time assistant at each school to enable the library to hold regular read-aloud sessions and serve an active role in helping students develop a love of literature and reading.

"I hope to have one person to get to know the kids and know what their reading preferences are and be able to make suggestions," Ms. Green said. "We want to give kids a reason to come to the library."

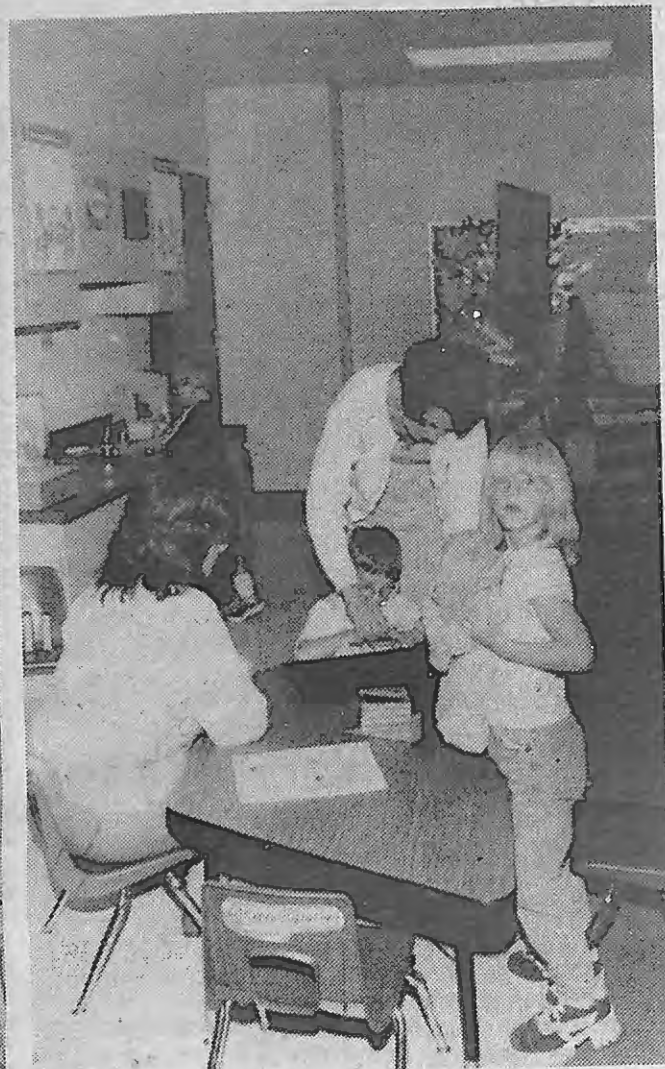
At Clark, the students are so enthused about their new library, the student council voted to use a portion of the \$4,000 they raised last year through cider, popcorn, and candy sales to purchase library materials, Mrs. Howard said.

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**SETTING UP THE NEW MEDIA CENTER** at Clark School last week were Marlene Elonomu, Elementary Library assistant, and Jennifer Green, Elementary School librarian.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**KINDERGARTEN** at Clark School is running smoothly these days due to teaching assistant Lucretia Ferioli (seated) and teacher Amy Modzelewski. They are helping students Alexander Alvarez and Brittany Discher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**IN A NEWLY-RENOVATED** classroom at Clark School, music teacher Sylvia Starkie gives music lessons to Room 3 students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**CLARK SCHOOL - from Page 30...**

Sharing space in the new addition with the library are three kindergarten rooms, three smaller rooms for specialized instruction and remedial math and reading programs, a new counselor's office, and a conference room able to accommodate 14 people.

In the existing school building, the renovations produced a new principal's office with a conference area; a new reception area for the school secretary; a teachers' dining/work room with a conversation area furnished with comfortable sofas and chairs; a room housing the school's copy machines; and a new, private clinic for the school nurse.

Previously, the nurse shared space in the secretary's office, where there was little or no privacy for sick children or children receiving medications at school.

"The new clinic has a private bathroom, a new medical chest, new filing cabinets, and two new couches for sick children to use," Mrs. Howard said. "The old situation was not conducive to medical care. Our school nurse is thrilled to have a private place for the children."

Mrs. Howard credited the Mayor, Town Council, the School Committee, and the community for their commitment to funding the school expansion projects, as well as boosting school spending to bring the curriculum in line with the state frameworks.

"Agawam has put a lot of money into the schools in the five years I've been principal here," Mrs. Howard said. "There has been a tremendous growth in our curriculum and we have a lot of new staff hirings. I think it's terrific."

At Clark, a new health teacher has been hired, and a new first-grade teacher has allowed the school to open a fourth first grade, thereby keeping class sizes in the ideal range of 21 to 22 students, Mrs. Howard said.

## Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey  
Agawam Middle School Counselor

A study skills program is presently underway at the Middle School with the fifth-grade students. The counselor is visiting each fifth-grade class and discussing such topics as where and when to study, managing time, and how to get better marks on reports and tests.

Each fifth-grade student will be given a booklet called *How to Study*, which gives the students a variety of ideas on how to be successful in school. The fifth-graders will also be given a booklet called *The Elementary School Counselor*, which gives them a detailed overview of the services provided by the counselor. The students are being requested to bring these booklets home, and their parents are asked to go over them with their children.

Since we will soon be reaching the midpoint of the first marking period, special reports indicating poor academic progress and other problems will be issued at the Middle School on or about October 9th. The parents of students who receive a special report are asked to please sign and return the slip to the student's teacher as soon as possible.

With the start of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program with the fifth-graders, the Middle School welcomes Officer Andrew Parrelli of the Agawam Police Department, our new D.A.R.E. officer. Additionally, the school wishes to thank Officer Karen Langevin, our former D.A.R.E. officer, for her outstanding service.

The highly successful D.A.R.E. program provides valuable training in the avoidance of drug and alcohol abuse. Officer Parrelli is presently working with rooms 202, 204, 206, 207, 211, and 213, and he will be working with the other six fifth-grade homerooms during the second half of the year.

The coed intramural sports program has recently begun at the Middle School. The sixth-grade students are playing flag football, and the fifth-graders are playing soccer.

This program has proven to be very popular with the students. Games are after school, and competition is among the homerooms of each grade. Players are allowed to ride home on the regular late busses.

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## Guidance Column...

by Alan Cohen  
Guidance Coordinator

As the new Guidance Coordinator for the Agawam Public Schools, I am very excited about working with such a talented, positive, and enthusiastic staff. We are *all* here to encourage, support, and help each student strive for excellence.

Every counselor is available to meet with *all* students about any issue — whether it be academic, personal, career related, or "whatever." *The doors are always open!* The guidance department welcomes not only students to visit our offices, but parents are also encouraged to keep in touch with us.

At this time, guidance counselors at the high school are busy meeting with and introducing all freshmen to the guidance services available to them. Along with this, we are all meeting with seniors to discuss post-high school planning.

Parents are encouraged to take an active role in this fun, exciting, and most rewarding process. Set up an appointment with your son/daughter's counselor now to begin the process.

### ISSUES/DATES TO REMEMBER

1. **SAT Registration:** Deadline October 2nd for November 7th test.
2. Be sure to take the SAT II test if your college requires it for admission.
3. Any student wishing to play a Division I or II sport in college *MUST* file an NCAA Clearinghouse form now.
4. **Tuesday, December 8th:** Financial Aid Night — 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.
5. **Tuesday, March 9th:** Scholarship Fair — 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.
6. **Thursday, April 8th:** Junior Parents Night — 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.
7. All seniors should read the **Guidance Bulletin** every Friday for information on college representatives visiting AHS, college open houses, state and national scholarships, and other important information.
8. Counselors will begin accepting college applications after the first term grades are issued (November 13th).
9. All seniors should **thoroughly** complete their portion of their college applications, then submit them with an **addressed envelope** and the **correct number of stamps** to their counselors **two weeks** from the deadline on the application.

This allows the guidance counselors ample time to check over and complete their portion of each application and include an official transcript with each application.

(REMEMBER — all colleges have different deadlines and procedures for applying.)

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS

Four students at Agawam High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examination. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 635,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams. At Agawam High School, one student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor

Award by earning on average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. This student was **MICHELLE INGALLS**.

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **ROBERT BOUSQUET**, **KEVIN CORNWELL**, and **DARYL ST. LAURENT**. Of this year's award recipients, all are 1998 graduates of Agawam High School and are now attending fine colleges or universities.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level

courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standings) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 32 AP Examinations offered in 18 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

The College Board is a not-for-profit educational association that supports academic preparation and transition to higher education for students around the world through the ongoing collaboration of its member schools, colleges, universities, educational systems, and organizations.

In spite of its activities, the Board promotes equity through universal access to high standards of teaching and learning and sufficient financial resources so that every student has the opportunity to succeed in college and work. The College Board champions — by means of superior research; curricular development; assessment; guidance; placement and admission information; professional development; forums; policy analysis; and public outreach — educational excellence for all students.

### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES:** If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office. Pick up your pass the morning of the visit.

**October 5th:** Lasell College, 8:30; Westfield State College, 9:15; Sacred Heart University, 10:00.

**SAT REGISTRATION:** Remember to mail in your registration for the November 7th SAT by October 2nd. Applications are available in the guidance office.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

**Walter S. Barr Scholarships:** Open to residents of Hampden County. Awards will be made on the basis of school records, recommendations, and SAT scores (with due consideration given to the financial need of the student). Deadline: December 20, 1998.

**Boston University College of Engineering Scholarship Examination Competition:** Open to students who plan to attend B.U. to major in Engineering. The exam will be held on Sunday, November 15, 1998 in Boston. Registration materials must be returned by November 2nd to be eligible.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who plan to attend these institutions: **New York University for the School of Education**, **Emory University**, **Thomas College**, **Washington University (minority students)**, and **Ursinus College**.

**Ron Brown Scholars Program:** This scholarship is available to deserving African-American students. Deadline: January 9, 1999.

**Tools for Tomorrow:** This scholarship program is open to students who plan to attend a vocational-technical school after high school. Deadline: November 6, 1998.

**OPEN HOUSES:** See your counselor for more information.

**New Hampshire College:** October 4th or November 8th.

**University of New Haven:** October 24th or November 21st.

**Quinnipiac College:** October 12th, October 24th, or November 11th.

**Albertus Magnus College:** October 24th.

**Yale University College of Engineering:** October 12th.

**School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:** October 4th.



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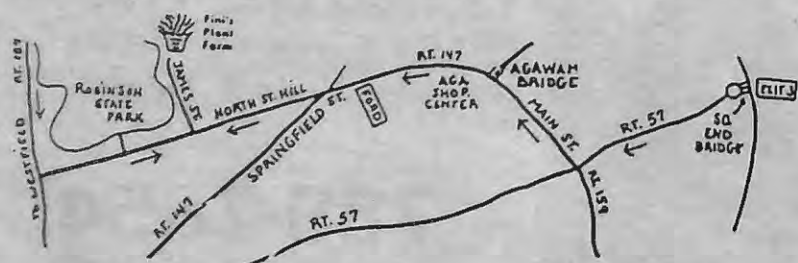
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We invited all our family members to join us one night at camp for a pot luck supper. After a meal of hamburgs, hot dogs, salads, and sandwiches, we treated our parents to a batch of brownies that we baked in a cardboard box over charcoal. We then entertained everyone with songs.

What a great time we had!



**BROWNIE TROOP 543** at a three-day camping trip in East Otis. Back row, from left - Leaders Hope Langone and Carol Ruehl. Middle row - Nicole Proulx, Ali Bonavita, Jillian VanNess, and Maria Graziano. Front row - Vicky Langone, Megan Pietroniro, Stephanie Ruehl, and Brie Bobecki.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 5th:** Oven-baked pizza wedge, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & Italian dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

**Tuesday, October 6th:** Filet of chicken sandwich with mayonnaise, seasoned diced carrots, steamed parsley rice, petite banana or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

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**Thursday, October 8th:** Veal parmesan sandwich, broccoli & macaroni blend, fresh Mac apple or orange Jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, October 9th:** Deli sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce, tomato, & mayonnaise, oven potato rounds with catsup, ice cream, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

## October News From James Clark PTO

October is a busy month at James Clark School!

Once again, we are participating in Channel 40's "Coats for Kids" campaign. Coats may be dropped off in our collection box by the school office from October 1st through October 23rd.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

The Fall Book Fair will be held from October 13th through October 16th. Leslie McNair is in charge again this year, and interested volunteers may call her at 789-9958.

New this year is in-school banking offered by Woronoco Savings Bank.

Banking day will be every Wednesday, and a kick-off rally will be held on October 28th.

The PTO is again making Halloween goodie bags for the children. Families are asked to donate a bag of candy and to please notify the PTO of any food allergies.

We will be filling the bags on Thursday, October 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria and delivering the bags on October 30th (starting at 1:30 p.m.). Delivery volunteers are invited to "dress up" in their favorite costume.

## Parents Invited To Meet Accreditation Chairman At AHS

This coming Sunday, October 4th, parents of Agawam High School students are cordially invited to meet with Dr. Robert Berardi, chairperson of the Accreditation Visiting Committee, between 2:15 and 3:00 p.m. in Room 25 at AHS.

*Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open at 6:30 a.m.*

## Big E Shuttle Service By AHS Band Parents

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents' Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

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## Sports

Schoolboy Soccer...

### AHS Boys Get Strong Win Over Central Booters

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

"It's going to be a happy bus ride home," Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup smiled Tuesday afternoon after his club beat Central High, 1-0, in Springfield.

There were a couple of angles to the victory, which raised the Agawam record to 4-3-1, 1-2. It was the coach's first career win against a Smith Division team. "It's one thing to play with the big boys, it's another thing to beat them," he said of last year's Western Mass. semifinalists. And, it was also a payback of sorts. The Golden Eagles, you might remember, provided the Brownies with an early exit from last season's tournament — beating the Brownies (Churchill-Moriarty champs in 1997), 1-0, in the first round.

For most of the first half, the teams played dead-even soccer. The Brownies stepped up their game a notch because they were well aware that Central, despite its 3-3-0 record going in, was still a dangerous team.

The Golden Eagles has a golden opportunity with five minutes gone in the first half on a crossing pass that begged for someone to bang it home. Fortunately for Agawam, no Eagle was home on that one.

A minute later, the Brownies went on the attack behind Barry Ward, Dave Thomas, and Brian Lopes — a trio which would give any defense a case of the hives. A Ward lead pass to Lopes (the team's leading scorer with seven goals) was the right idea and a possible score, but the ball was a bit past the junior's foot.

Central pushed the ball into the Brownie zone at the 24:21 mark. Justin Ross, a senior forward, launched a serious dive 40 feet out on the right wing. The shot had trouble written all over it. But senior sweeper Rich Rodriguez stepped up and made a block before the ball had a chance to reach the Brownies' net.

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In Football Action...

### Brownies Bow To Longmeadow Lancers, 32-6

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There will be no Agawam High excuses or recriminations for their 32-6 loss to Longmeadow High last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field. The faithful, there in good numbers to watch the home opener, were well aware that the Brownies were missing two of their major contributors.

Senior running back and All-Western Mass. linebacker Brian Gallagher was out with a separated left shoulder. Junior signal caller and standout defensive back Brian St. Jean was on the sidelines as well due to being ejected vs. Greenfield the week before late in the fourth quarter.

It seems St. Jean barked a little too loud in the Brownies' win over Greenfield, got ejected for taunting, and (as a result) had to sit out the Longmeadow game. "We're missing four positions right there," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli admitted.

Those circumstances meant the coach had to do some hasty mixing and matching to field a decent offense and defense to oppose last year's Division II champs. "I think everyone knew we didn't have the best team we could have had out there Friday night," Vecchiarelli said.

But, to their credit, the patchwork Brownies represented themselves well in the first half, trailing only 13-6 at intermission. "We played them even up for the most part," Vecchiarelli observed.

He was right on in that assessment. Longmeadow got first crack at the ball. After a series that saw them go from their 32 to

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AHS Boys' Soccer Goes On The Attack...

### Brownies Give Division III Pioneer A Clinic During 4-1 Victory

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

"We'll play anyone, no matter what division they might be in," Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup noted Monday evening before his club played Pioneer Valley Regional at brisk Harmon Smith Field. He also qualified that statement: "They will also play anyone."

The coach went on to explain what that means. "If we beat them, it's another win for us. If we lose, because they're in Division III, it's a feather in their cap and when the seeding committee comes to look at our record, should we make the playoffs, it's a lower seed for us."

So, the intrepid coach and his team went into this one as a big favorite. They won, 4-1, in a soccer clinic. But the kids from nowhere made it interesting early on. With 8:37 gone, they scored. That just might have made Coach Northrup's legs go a bit rubbery, because his club really didn't have the best of it to that point.

After that score, Pioneer packed it in on defense. That was a mistake. "They forced us to change our style of play," Northrup noted.

The Brownies went on the complete attack. Brian Lopes got behind the Panther defense with 11:31 left in the half, took a nice pass from Umberto Santaniello, and tied it at 1-1. Lopes wasn't done. Later in the half, Lopes was nicely stationed in the left center of the crease. Jay Flood lofted a pass to him. Lopes did a Pele move, kicking it off an airborne backflip for Agawam's second score.

The Brownies led 2-1 at the half. They had 11 shots on goal as opposed to Pioneer's three.

The second half saw a gut-check for Pioneer with under a minute gone. An Agawam corner shot led to a handball inside the box penalty. Senior Dave Thomas had the free shot from 12 yards out. He blasted it hard and right on. Panther goalie Jason Hallet, a senior, went left and made the save. "We work on that type of play. Jason is a good goalie," Pioneer Coach Justin Duncan said.

Two Agawam "Gems"...

Pioneer continued to pack it in. What they got for their defensive efforts were two Agawam gems.

The first came with 3:31 left. It was a bang-bang play that would have made the professionals proud. Lopes lofted a pass from the right wing that looked to be going out on the left side of the Pioneer net. Barry Ward was there.

"I thought that if I could get to it and head it back to the front, someone would make a play," he said. Ward, who is six feet tall, did just that. His header in front hung up. Thomas was there for another header. "Their goalie was on the near post. I had a whole side for my shot. I knew where to go," Thomas smiled.

The Agawam 3-1 margin went to 4-1 when Lopes fed Thomas for a score with 2:42 left and a 4-1 victory. Agawam had seven second-half shots on goal for a game total of 18. Pioneer had no shots for a total of three.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Star of this game goes to Barry Ward, who set up the goal that broke Pioneer's back.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Dwight Northrup, Peter Bitzas, Dave Thomas, Dave Federico, Brian Machos, Umberto Santaniello, and Dan Balbony. Front row - Rich Rodriguez, Jay Flood, Dave Gallerani, Adam Blair, and Tim Faust. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Brownie Runners Showing Promise In Cross Country

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For a new program, the Agawam High cross country team is hanging on and doing well. They are 1-2 at presstime. The win came in a meet vs. Ludlow High on September 17th.

"It came down to a drag race at the end. Steve Messina won it and gave us the win," Coach Bill Dillon said.

They went up to a big meet at Central High last weekend. "We needed the competition. Ten teams were there. We didn't finish well, but we have the talent in place. All they need is experience," the coach noted.

The boys' side of the team features Goodnow plus Jason Gagne, Adam Sprague, Joe Case, and Messina. "They are mostly track guys who are looking to get experience in cross country," Dillon said.

On the girls' side, junior Tiffany Scalfe placed in the top 25 at the Central meet last weekend, and sophomore Valerie Siedlik also is running well. "Val placed in the 400 in Western Mass. and went on to the states in track last spring," Dillon noted.

His take on the am (at one time he ran a very successful cross country program at West Springfield High): "We need to get experience. The kids have a positive attitude, which is something in a sport like cross country that you have to develop. I see a lot of potential in them. The future of this sport at Agawam High is great."

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Neither team had a shot on goal until 20 minutes were gone in the half. Most of the effort on both sides, to that point, consisted of headers and hoppers and a concentration on defense. Each team spent a good chunk of time in the other's zone, looking for a scoring opportunity.

### The Brownies' Scoring Opportunity...

That opportunity for the Brownies came with 1:20 left. Ward had no shooting lane from 50 feet out on the right wing. Instead, he lofted a shot over the defense that also went over the Central keeper's head and into the upper left corner of the net. The assist went to Jay Flood. That score would stand up for the rest of the game.

Central had a chance to tie things up with 16:07 gone in the second half. Ross was in the right corner of the box. The lane was clear and it was the Eagle against Brownie keeper Derek Mercadante.

Mercadante came up with an outstanding save, robbing Ross. The defense rose up again at the 20:10 mark. Rodriguez used his great speed to run down and tackle an Eagle forward who had five yards on him and an opportunity for a clear left wing shot.

Central wasn't done. There was 3:40 left when they attacked on the right wing. Again, the potential shooter (he was unmarked and spotted) seemed to have a clear shot from 30 feet away if the ball came to him. Junior midfielder Jonathan Ashwell saw what was about to happen and stole the pass, disrupting the Eagle offense.

Agawam could have had another score with 2:50 left. By that time, the Eagles had sucked all the gas from their tank and were fluttering at best. Ward, flying all game long, went into the low right corner of the box and launched a rocket. The shot intended for the left corner of the Eagle net (which was vacant) just slide by the post. A foot to the right and it's an Agawam score.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Barry Ward, not just because he scored, gets the star of the game for this one. He was everywhere. A nod goes to Dave Thomas as well, and to Rich Rodriguez and goalie Derek Mercadante.

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Agawam's 45, they coughed it up. Sophomore defensive tackle Fran Ferrentino was right there to hop on and hug the fumble at the Brownie 39.

It was now time to examine the new look Agawam offense, which featured 6', 205-pound Marc Pedraza at fullback in the place of Gallagher. Pedraza (22 carries, 78 yards), usually a tight end on offense, gave new meaning to the phrase "gang tackling" because that was about the only way the Lancer defense could bring him down on this evening.

"Marc had never played as a running back before. He showed well," Vecchiarelli noted.

Jason Daigneau, usually a running back, moved to quarterback, replacing St. Jean. Unlike Pedraza, Daigneau had some experience, having played the position last year on the junior varsity. He was the first-half spark plug, running out of the option for 91 yards on 13 carries, including a 22-yard touchdown sprint.

Longmeadow's second possession resulted in its first score — a six-yard run by slipper back Winston McGregor, capping off a 54-yard, five-play drive. The extra point went wide, making it 6-0, Lancers.

### The Brownies' Second Possession...

The Brownies' second possession saw junior Alex Almquist return the kickoff 17 yards to the Agawam 30. The Brownies went to work with 4:19 left in the quarter. Their efforts produced an eight-play, 70-yard drive of 5:42, highlighted by a 20-yard pass from Daigneau to Mike O'Connor, and a Daigneau 22-yard run around the left end (off a fake to Pedraza) for the lone Agawam touchdown. The kick failed. It was tied at 6-6 with 10:37 left in the half.

Longmeadow went 1-2-3 and out and Agawam had another opportunity with 9:03 left. However, the offense suffered two losses for five yards, and a five-yard "delay of game" penalty forced a punt on fourth and 18. The kick saw Longmeadow with great field position at the Agawam 44 (something of a foreshadowing of things to come) with 6:30 left.

The crucial play in their series came on a fourth and one at the Agawam 29. The Lancers gambled and it paid off with a 26-yard sprint by McGregor to the Brownies' three. They topped off the 44-yard, five-play, 2:25 excursion when quarterback Justin Vincent stuffed the ball across the goal line with 4:05 left for a 12-6 Lancer lead. The extra point made it 13-6 visitors.

The Brownies still had a chance to close the gap as the half wore down. But it was a longshot at best. A booming kick-off into the end zone saw them take possession at their own 20. Daigneau did the bulk of the work in the ensuing Agawam drive. The junior racked up 62 yards on six carries off the option, including a quarterback sneak for

32 yards and a run of 12 yards after a fake to Pedraza.

Daigneau would gain another five on third and six at the 16 to place the Brownies at the Longmeadow 11. However, only 13 seconds remained. Daigneau, who'd been running the option to perfection, was stopped on fourth and one for no gain. Longmeadow got the ball back and ran out the clock.

### A Dreary Second Half For AHS...

The wheels completely came off the Agawam wagon in the second half. A lot of the collapse had to do with two fumbles and two interceptions, plus no first downs, which left the Agawam offense without a football to work with most of the time and too much work for the defense. "We just got tired and, therefore, became less physical across the board. It's that simple," Vecchiarelli admitted.

Longmeadow got its third score after a Daigneau punt from the Brownie 14 landed on the Agawam 48-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, McGregor took the hand-off, skirted the left end, and wound up with a nifty 48-yard touchdown run. The extra point was wide, but the Lancers had widened the margin to 19-6 with 3:35 left in the third quarter.

A Longmeadow interception of a Daigneau pass on the Brownies' next series saw the Lancers camped out at the Agawam 28. Three plays later, they scored to make it 25-6 with 11:19 to go in the game.

Another interception on Agawam's next possession saw Longmeadow at the Brownie 15. An offensive pass interference call on Longmeadow in the end zone brought the ball out to the Brownie 30. However, facing a third and 25, McGregor took a screen pass and delivered the ball to Agawam's five-yard line for a gain of 20 and a first and goal situation.

The next play resulted in Longmeadow's final touchdown of the evening on a five-yard run by (who else?) McGregor (15 atts., 137 yds., 3 TDs). The extra point made 32-6. Agawam dropped to 1-1. Longmeadow improved to 1-1.

### BROWNIE STATS:

**RUSHING:** Pedraza (22 - 78 yds.), Daigneau (16 - 91 yds., 1 TD), and O'Connor (1 - 4 yds.).

**PASSING:** Daigneau (3 of 11 - 38 yds., 2 int.).

**RECEIVING:** O'Connor (1 - 20 yds.), Pedraza (1 - 12 yds.), and Harlin (1 - 6 yds.).

**DEFENSE — FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Ferrentino and Romano.

**SACKS:** Graves.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Agawam will have Brian St. Jean bac for Friday night's game at Chicopee Comp. Gallagher, who got a second opinion on his shoulder separation, go the go-ahead from the doctor, trainer Dave Stratton, and Vecchiarelli.

Gallagher is currently undergoing therapy, but it is a slow, painful process, according to the senior.

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AHS To Face Tough Comp...

Gendron &amp; Loudfoot Score For AHS...

# Gallagher & St. Jean Back For Brownies

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football team travels to Chicopee on Friday night for a contest against the Colts at Comp High. The hosts are not a team to be trifled with, especially when you look at what transpired for them and for the Brownies last week.

AHS got buried by Longmeadow High, 32-6. Comp beat up a good South Hadley High team, 21-12. Agawam worked hard vs. Longmeadow to find an offense. Comp didn't have that problem.

"The Colts run out of a multiple set. Darion Stanley is a force for them," AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted.

Indeed, the 5'9" junior is someone to be reckoned with. In the Colts' first two games this season (a 20-20 tie vs. Chicopee High and the South Hadley win), he has run the ball for 248 yards on 35 carries and five touchdowns.

"Stanley is a breakaway type runner. We'll have to be aware of that," Vecchiarelli added. Indeed, Stanley busted to the endzone vs. South Hadley on runs of 32 and 52 yards.

"Comp doesn't have that much of a passing game," Vecchiarelli said. "They like to go outside with Stanley. If we stop that, they'll be forced to pass and that will be to our advantage."

## Almost At Full Strength

The Brownies' defense will be almost at full strength. Junior Brian St. Jean will return at cornerback. Senior Bob Fuller will be the middle linebacker, senior Marc Pedrazza will be an outside backer, and senior Brian Gallagher will return to his linebacker spot, which is a story in itself.

"Brian has clearance by his doctors, the coach, and myself to play," AHS trainer Dave Stratton said. Stratton was referring to Gallagher's left shoulder which was separated in the closing moments of the Greenfield win on September 12th.

One of the reasons AHS lost to Longmeadow was because Gallagher wasn't there on defense or on offense. Stratton further told us, "A shoulder separation is a tricky thing. It's not like a hip problem. The joint down there is big and strong - a ball and socket deal. When that is broken, you have to have surgery."

"The shoulder is like a golf ball on a tee - it's fragile but not necessarily debilitating. He might play the rest of the season without another separation. But it could, and possibly will, go at any time. The only thing that will get him back one hundred percent will be surgery," said Stratton.

Gallagher will be strapped up big-time for the Comp game. He went through some hellish therapy to get ready. "It hurt so much that sometimes I couldn't even lift my right arm without the pain coming over from my left side," Gallagher reported when asked.

## The Elephant Backfield

Which brings us to the Agawam offense for the Comp game. Vecchiarelli is thinking of what he calls an elephant backfield - Gallagher (6'2" 225 pounds) and Pedrazza (6' 205) in some kind of I-formation (one blocking for the other).

The Comp defense, which is not that big, will have a problem is such a thing should come to be. "Yeah, Marc showed well for us in the Longmeadow game (22 carries/78 yards). Both are talented at two skills (running and blocking). We might try something like that," the coach noted.

The quarterback duties will revert back to junior Brian St. Jean. "He is a good, young passer. Comp has a very good pass defense and we'll test them off the option. We will make them play the game in the secondary. If they break down there, we'll have a good chance for a win," Vecchiarelli said.

Junior Jason Daigneau, who ran the offense at the QB last week and had an effective first half, will go back to his wide receiver position.

Also, St. Jean is the main Agawam kicker and punter. He was missed last week. His leg will also be welcomed back.

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# Brownie Girls Battle Strong Longmeadow To 2-2 Deadlock

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For the second game in a row, the Agawam High girls' soccer team faced one of the powers of Western Mass. girls' soccer - Longmeadow High.

On Monday, the Lancers waltzed into Harmon Smith Field on a beautiful, early fall afternoon, sporting a 4-2 record. They left at around 5:00 p.m., dragging a 2-2 tie behind them, courtesy of the Brownies.

Must like the Westfield game a couple of days earlier (a 1-1 tie), this was another battle Agawam could have won.

"Yeah, we should have gone into halftime up 2-0 rather than 2-1. At that point, a two-goal lead would have taken some of the fight out of Longmeadow," Brownie Coach Mary Murray observed.

Be that as it may, Agawam once again showed a great deal of patience and skill concerning their two scores. Agawam, led by senior midfielder Melissa Cote and junior sweeper Sheri Benton, started out in an aggressive mode.

The Lancers, however, busted up a midfield charge and broke into the Agawam zone with under two minutes gone. They had their first good opportunity then with a crossing pass that sailed within 10 feet of the Agawam goalmouth. Luckily for the Brownies, no Lancer was in shooting vicinity.

Cote had an opportunity at 35:17 from the right point. Her shot from 40 feet out on the right point was on net, but Lancer goalie Kim Weiselberg made a nice one-hop stop to deny the Brownie senior. It was back and forth after that, highlighted by some good defensive work by Benton and fellow backliners Amanda Merola and Katie Shannon.

Sometimes tough defense can get the offense inspired. So it was with 11:30 gone in the game. Amanda Tilden hit Jill Gendron with a lead pass in front of the Longmeadow net. The sophomore forward (who was 30 feet out) calmed waited until Weiselberg committed herself, then popped the ball into the left corner of the goal. Tilden got the assist. It was another display of pinpoint passing and textbook scoring that has characterized the

Agawam offense over the past two games.

## Making Life "Miserable" For The Lancers...

At the 23:50 mark and with a one-goal lead, Tilden, Dianna DiStefano, Gendron, and Marie Buendo were stalking the Longmeadow zone and generally making life miserable for the defenders. When Longmeadow managed to take the ball over midfield, they were met by Merola, Benton, and a host of other Brownies determined to keep the array of strong shooters away from the net.

Again, defense sometimes sponsors an offensive reply. Agawam's next score was as good as it gets. Tilden, cruising the right wing, dribbled the ball with one eye towards midfield. She spotted junior Gina Loudfoot hustling up the middle. She hit Loudfoot on the move and it was showtime.

Loudfoot dribbled between two Lancers, did a spin move on another to get out of trouble, nudged the ball ahead of her, went after it, and launched a high drive from 45 feet out. The ball came in just under the crossbar, nestling into the high center of the net and Agawam went up, 2-0, with 17:53 left in the half.

While the Lancers, for much of the first half, couldn't set up any kind of consistent offense, they did catch a break with 5:32 to play. The Brownie defenders seemed to have a Longmeadow attack under control when a clearing kick bounced off a Lancer and back to Andrea Marangoudakis, who was standing, unmarked, 10 feet in front of the Agawam net. Sophomore keeper Laura Bucalo never had a chance. The score was cut to 2-1, Agawam, where it stood at the half. The Brownies had seven first-half shots on goal; Longmeadow had four.

When the second half started, you could see Longmeadow's second goal coming. They were obviously pumped up by their score and it showed by the way they swarmed the Brownie net.

Benton, Merola, and Shannon (along with others) tried to keep the visitors at bay.

With 3:56 off the clock, the Agawam effort went by the boards as Leah Skypeck scored from out in front, knotting things at 2-2.

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## Senior Class Member Of AHS Girls' Soccer



**JUNIOR GINA LOUDFOOT** (left) and sophomore **Jill Gendron** are the top two snipers for AHS girls' soccer so far this season. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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#### Gut-Check Time For AHS's Defense...

Then, it was gut-check time for the Brownie defense. Longmeadow, playing to its 4-2 record, turned up the heat. From the 31:36 mark to 6:20 (a span of over 25 minutes), Longmeadow was either in the Brownie zone or down around the Brownie net. Tempers were getting short — Longmeadow because they couldn't come up with a score; Agawam because they were giving everything they had to prevent one.

With 5:47 left, Merola got a yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct. In defense of the sophomore, she plays with a great deal of fire and emotion. There was no way Merola was going to stand for the Longmeadow onslaught without responding. That call, by the way, could have gone either way.

The Lancers had an indirect kick, which went wide left. As the play got rougher, they received another one, which also went wide left. A Longmeadow corner with three minutes left was kicked out of harm's way by the Brownie



**SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS** of the 1998 AHS girls' varsity soccer team are, from left - **Alison Jackobek, Kornelia Moysis, Jessica Dutton (captain), Franca Bonavita, Kara Tierney, Melissa Cote, and Coach Mary Murray.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

defenders. Our hats are off to them: Merola, Benton, Shannon, Jen Lyman, Tilden, and Kornelia Moysis. Their performance was as compelling as the two Brownie scores.

The tie sent Agawam's record to 2-4-3 and Longmeadow's to 4-2-1. The Brownies had two second-half shots on net for a total of nine. The

Lancers had three for seven.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** The stars of this game were the entire Agawam defense. Jill Gendron, after the Longmeadow game, has five goals. Gina Loudfoot is second on the team, with four goals and one assist. Amanda Tilden, who had two assists in this one, now has five.

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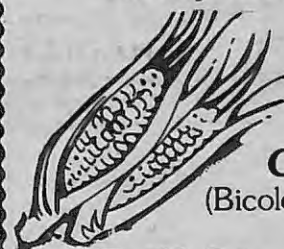
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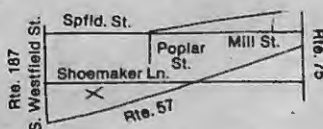
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Girls' Soccer Vs Westfield...

# AHS Girls Fight Westfield Soccer To 1-1 Tie

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Going into their game against visiting Westfield High last Friday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field, Agawam High girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray knew her club would be in for a battle.

They were on a multi-game losing streak. On Monday, September 21st, West Side had beaten them, 2-1. They'd been slapped around, 4-1, two days later in their league opener at Minnechaug Regional and needed a serious confidence injection. "Westfield is one of the top three girls' soccer programs in Western Massachusetts," Murray noted of the Bombers, who came in at 4-1 (6-0 loss to Cathedral) overall and 0-1 in the Kurty Division.

As tough as Westfield was, the Brownies on this day were 10-foot-tall and bulletproof, scratching out a 1-1 tie that certainly could have gone into the books as a win.

Beside Westfield's expertise, Agawam had other problems to deal with. Defender Kerry McGeoghan was out, nursing a second-degree ankle sprain suffered in the Minnechaug game. Fearless and always-hustling junior forward Gina Loudfoot, the team's second-leading scorer to that point (three goals), was also nursing an injury and didn't start. Accomplished junior sweeper Sheri Benton was also hobbled, a victim of the injury jinx.

Things started off slow on both sides, with mid-field soccer the main attraction for the viewing faithful. With 9:39 off the clock, Westfield had its first serious rush on the Agawam net. The Brownie defenders, led by Benton along with Kate Shannon, Jen Lyman, and most promising sophomore fullback Amanda Merola, repulsed the onslaught.

Junior Marie Buendo managed to get a tester off with 10:10 gone in the half. Her shot, hard and right on, was tracked down, however, on a good save by Westfield keeper Julie Arroyo. An Agawam corner try, two minutes later, flew over the net.

Another Brownie attempt two minutes after that by Amanda Tilden from the left side of the box had a wide open right corner, of the goal waiting to swallow up the ball. It just sailed a foot wide of the post.

## Long-Range Shooting By Both Teams...

For the most part, the first half saw shots by both sides taken from long range, which doesn't exactly translate into high-percentage scoring opportunities. However, with 1:26 left, Westfield managed to get the ball deep into the Agawam zone with some authority to it and a trailing Bomber two steps behind it.

Agawam keeper Franca Bonavita, seeing the split Brownie defense and aware of the potential disaster should she stay home on the play, raced from her goalmouth, dove, and hugged the ball 20 feet in front, just before it would have gotten a Bomber boot.

The half ended with goose eggs on both sides of the scoreboard. Agawam managed four shots on net. Westfield countered with four, as well.

"That was a good first half for us, maybe the

## Agawam High Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer



**TEAM MEMBERS OF THE 1998 Agawam High girls' junior varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - Jen Lock, Jess Newalu, Lisa Bienia, Lauren Kida, Becca Nacewicz, Kristen Lawson (captain), Coach Lynda Kunasek, Assistant Coach Bitsacos, Keegan Clark, Becky Crum, Amanda Blair, Raquel Rodriguez (captain), and Kaitlin White. Sitting - Davida Flynn, Amy Jensen, Emily Norris, Jill Lawson, Desiree Marsili, Kate Tierney, Lauren Kunkler, Heather Newalu, and Sarah Lottermoser. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

best one we played all year," Murray smiled later. Obviously, her half-time speech stressed that fact. The kids came out for the second half a step faster and a bit quicker.

Senior midfielder Melissa Cote started off the Agawam action by showing off some added aggressiveness on defense with just under two minutes gone. Benton, despite being sore, displayed good speed marking the Westfield forwards. Sophomore midfielder/forward Jill Gendron and fullback Kara Tierney had also upped their games.

For Gendron, the effort would pay off with a goal (her fourth of the season) just before the midway point of the half at 23:20. It was a crackerjack play, involving three Brownies, that came right out of the textbook.

Things started out when Loudfoot dribbled the ball past a Westfield defender into midfield. She drove ahead and was about to get doubled-teamed when she spotted Ann Paquette, who was unmarked on her right wing. Loudfoot hit Paquette with a perfect lead pass.

While that was going on, Gendron (with the Bombers' attention focused on the Loudfoot/Paquette deal) deftly maneuvered behind the defense. Gendron didn't go unnoticed by Paquette, who was waiting for such a thing to happen. Gendron trapped the 40-foot pass from Paquette, 10 feet out in front, and turned to face the Bomber goal. Calmly, she set up her shot, decided where to put it, and pulled the trigger. The ball hit the back left corner for a 1-0, Agawam lead. So deliberate was Gendron's shot that the Westfield goalmouth must have looked like the entrance to the Ted Williams Tunnel.

"Yeah," Gendron smiled, "I did what you're supposed to do — not rush it and just look for the opening." Murray added, "We practice that move

all the time. It is definitely a diagrammed play." Paquette got the assist (her third of the season).

## AHS Applies Pressure On Westfield's Zone...

The Brownies continued to apply pressure all over the Bomber zone. But Westfield got a golden opportunity with 16:05 left in the game in the form of a corner kick from the right side. The first attempt was blocked on a good effort by Benton, who was playing midway between the shooter and the goal.

Unfortunately for Agawam, the ball deflected out of bounds, setting up another corner at 15:49. This one was right on — spinning directly in front of the Brownie net, where Bomber forward Sarah McCutcheon deflected it home to tie the score at 1-1. Bonavita never had a chance on the wicked shot.

Each club had one final opportunity to break the deadlock. With 15 minutes left, Paquette had a shot from 30 feet out on the right wing, which was dead center and over Arroyo's head. It hit the crossbar. A foot lower and Agawam takes the lead.

There was 4:20 left when Westfield freshman Stacy Rodriguez split the defense and bore down on the Brownie net. Only a last-second tackle by Benton saved what might have been the Bomber go-ahead goal.

Agawam has six second-half shots on net for a total of 10. The Bombers had managed five for a game total of nine.

"Of course, you always want the win. But I'm satisfied with the tie. It's a point for us, which will help in our division race," Murray said.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** The star of the game goes to Jill Gendron, not just because she scored the goal, but because of her strong presence on the field throughout the game. Agawam's record rose to 2-4-2, 0-1-1.

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Field Hockey Vs Minnechaug...

## AHS Stickers & Minnechaug In Scoreless Tie

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Remember that old saying, "When the one great scorer comes to write against your name, he writes not that you won or lost but how you played the game"?

Who coined that phrase shall remain anonymous because, truthfully, we don't know the author. But he or she was entirely correct. You see, when a score is kept, it means winning and/or losing has to count for something. That's why ties can be so frustrating — especially after you've left it all out on the field and all you get on the scoreboard is about as satisfying as munching on a slice of plain white bread.

So it was last Thursday when the Agawam High field hockey team came away with a 0-0 tie against visiting Minnechaug Regional. The Falcons, you might remember, came to Harmon Smith Field for the final game last season and tied Agawam, 3-3. The outcome of that contest kept the Brownies out of the playoffs.

That meant there was incentive in this one (of the payback variety) for Agawam and their returning players. The Brownies came out strong behind some strong stickhandling by senior Patty Zerra on the left wing. They were also passing well (when they were able) to the lead player. Senior co-captain Sarah Latif and senior Gina Cellilli played tough at midfield throughout the game. Yet the Falcons always seemed to rise up on defense when such a response was needed.

The Brownies' defense, led by three seniors (co-captain Heather Hughes, Sarah Nacewicz, and Eva Dommechawk), also stood tall. As usual junior goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle was steady with three stops during her time in the net. Backup Kristin Kocut, with four saves, also showed well in her second-half relief of Dupelle.

Because of the good defense displayed by both sides, rushes on net were rare. Agawam did have some. With six minutes to go in the first half, Cellilli, senior Jess Gotra, and Zerra buzzed in front of the Falcons' goal, but that effort came up empty. Zerra, along with juniors Jen Harvey and Amanda Sternowski, were back at it five minutes later. Then the Falcons responded. They were met and their attack was dismantled by an Agawam defense led by Zerra.

### "Gritty" Defense By Agawam...

With four minutes left in the half, Agawam showed more gritty defense as junior Sarah Prussman and senior Danielle DeForge helped launch a counterattack to stop a Falcons' charge.

Minnechaug had a corner shot with 10 seconds left in the half. But a block by Prussman before the ball had a chance to reach the net killed that threat. The first 30 minutes ended with no score. Agawam had three shots on net. Minnechaug came in with two.

It was obvious both teams were determined to increase their offensive efforts when the second half fired up. With 2:30 gone, Sternowski and DeForge led a foray off the right wing into the Falcons' zone. The Minnechaug defense, however, cleared the ball.

Five minutes later, the Brownies were back. This time, freshman Alison Nowell, along with Gotra, Cellilli, and Latif, buzzed the enemy net. Again, the Falcons cleared their zone.

A Falcons' shot from the right corner a minute later tested Dupelle. But she made a good kick save. Minnechaug was still on offense 13 minutes into the second half.

At that point, after a Brownie timeout, Kocut took over in net. Sternowski and junior Jen Harvey attacked the Falcons 50 seconds later. The Minnechaug defenders met the threat and sent it out, setting the stage for its biggest threat of the game. Kocut made two outstanding saves to thwart two potential Falcon scores.

With nine minutes left, she stopped a hard shot from 20 feet out on the right wing. Minnechaug wouldn't give up. A corner shot saw Kocut offer up another good effort with 2:39 left.

The Brownies recovered and, with time running out, Gotra and Nowell led a charge deep into the Falcon zone — but to no avail. The final whistle made the 0-0 tie official.

Agawam had two second-half shots for a total of five. Minnechaug had four for a total of six. Agawam fell to 1-2-1 and 0-1 in the Southern Division. Minnechaug came away with the same record.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** The defense played well in this one. But up to that point, they'd allowed eight goals in three games (2.6 ga) while scoring two (.06 gf). A 1-0 loss at Palmer last Friday afternoon saw their record fall to 1-3-1 at week's end.

**STAR OF THE MINNECHAUG GAME:** Because of the defensive effort, defender Patty Zerra, who was everywhere, was our star of the game.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, Sara Nacewicz drives the ball out of the Brownies' zone while Danielle DeForge looks on. IN PHOTO BELOW, field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner directs the action for the Brownies. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Field Hockey Vs South Hadley...

## Zerra's Pair Of Goals Lifts Brownies To 2-0 Verdict Over South Hadley

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After going without a win for three games (two losses and a tie), the Agawam High field hockey team finally got back into the left-hand column Tuesday afternoon with a 2-0 win over visiting South Hadley at Harmon Smith Field to raise their record to 2-3-1. The Tigers came in at 0-7 and departed town at 0-8.

It was a breakout of sorts for the Brownies. They had only two goals in five games before this one, so any kind of offensive production was welcomed by Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner.

The Brownies started off with some tough defense on their way to the win. They had the Tigers walking on their heels and mounted an attack with just under five minutes gone in the game. Most of the offense at that point was shared by co-captains Heather Hughes and Sarah Latif, along with Jess Gotra.

When South Hadley managed to get the ball out of its zone after almost 19 minutes on defense, the Brownies, behind Hughes, Latif, Gina Cellilli, Eva Dommechawk, and Sara Prussman showed some good "D" of their own.

Both clubs had scoring opportunities in an otherwise scoreless first half. Two South Hadley corner shots with 10 minutes left were flagged down by the Agawam defenders. There were seven minutes to go when Patty Zerra had a shot at an open corner of the Tiger net. She saw it and fired. The ball was right on; however, a South Hadley stick happened to get in the way, deflecting what looked to be a sure goal. Zerra would get her chances in the second half with two scores (raising her season total to three).

### Brownies Start Out Strong in Second Half...

Kristen Kocus replaced veteran Mary Elizabeth Dupelle in net for the Brownies as the second half got underway. Once again, Agawam started out strong by rushing the Tigers' net from all angles.

A big shot by junior Amanda Sternowski set up Zerra's first goal. The ball came back out on the rebound and attracted a crowd. It finally ended up on Zerra's stick. The senior wouldn't be denied this time. She pulled the trigger from 10 feet out in front and put the Brownies up, 1-0, on the unassisted score.

Despite being outplayed for most of the game, South Hadley didn't roll over. They had a chance with 18 minutes gone on a shot off a rush down the right wing. It could have been trouble but just flew a foot wide past the left post.

Agawam mounted a final assault on the Tigers' net as time ran down. It was initiated by some good stick-handling on the part of senior Sara Nacewicz. She dumped the ball ahead to Cellilli, who passed it to Zerra (who was battling a double team in front of the South Hadley net).

Zerra popped it home with 1:30 left to end the scoring and secure the win. Cellilli got the assist — her first of the season.

Agawam had a total of four shots on the Tiger net. South Hadley managed two, both in the first half on Dupelle.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Patty Zerra gets the star of the game. The Brownie defense should also be complimented because most the Tigers' shots never got near the goal.



## Four TaeKwon-Do Students To Compete In New Delhi, India

Four students from Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do of Agawam, under the direction of Raymond Shugart, have made the International TaeKwon-Do Team that will represent the United States in the 4th Junior ITF TaeKwon-Do World Championships.

Matt Sharpe (1st degree), Larry Hoague (1st degree), Brett Stevens (2nd degree), and Colie Moore (1st degree) will be leaving for New Delhi, India, this coming Monday, October 5th, for three days of competition. They are part of an 11-member team consisting of six boys and five girls ranging in age from 13 to 18.

These students have been training for years to prepare for this event, and they'll be competing in many events (including pattern, sparring, as well as board-breaking).

We want to wish them the best of luck in bringing home the GOLD!

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to help defray the cost of their trip, please send donations to ATTENTION JR. TEAM MEMBERS: Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do, 680 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

## Volleyball Skills Program To Begin At Spfld. Turnverein

A volleyball skills development program for youths will be starting on Friday, October 16th, at the Springfield Turnverein.

The program will run for nine weeks and will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball. The basics of setting, passing, blocking, serving, and hitting will be taught. In addition to learning individual skills, the players will also put their skills to use in team play.

This nine-week program will be offered at no charge, but you must register before October 16th (the number of applications to this program may be limited due to court size, so early registration is advised). The program is open to any Junior High or High School students, and it will run on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

A registration form may be picked up at the Springfield Turnverein on Thursday evenings (after 8:00 p.m.) in the gym.

The Springfield Turnverein is located on Garden Street in Feeding Hills (just off Route 57).

*Our classified pages bring FAST, FAST results. Thanks.*



STUDENTS FROM HWANG'S SCHOOL OF TAEKWON-DO, under the direction of Raymond Shugart, will be leaving for New Delhi, India for an international competition on Monday, October 5th. From left - Matt Sharpe, Larry Hoague, Brett Stevens, and Colie Moore. They are part of an 11-member team consisting of six boys and five girls ranging in ages from 13 to 18.

## Annual Cheerleader Golf Tourney Slated For Sat., October 17th

The annual Agawam Cheerleader Golf Tournament Fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, beginning with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon at Oak Ridge Country Club.

The entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes a cookout, raffle prizes, and contests such as "closest to the pin" and "longest drive."

For information and/or registration forms, please contact Ken or Sandi at 789-2709.

Hope to see you there!

*All the hometown news with us...*

## New Officials Sought For Hampden County Women's Basketball

The Hampden County Board of Women's Basketball Officials is looking for new officials for the upcoming 1998-1999 basketball season.

If you are interested, contact Bob Clark at 569-3398 or Jon Ferris at 786-9459.

*Please publicize your events at least two weeks in advance. Thanks.*



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## Agawam High Cheerleaders Always Working Hard



IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam High junior varsity cheerleader Coach Melissa Almquist (center) with her two captains - Jennifer Sommer (left) and Michelle Dise. IN PHOTO RIGHT, varsity Coach Kim Hebert (right) with her 1998 tri-captains - Michelle Beaudette, Ella Atkins, and Michelle Heim. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



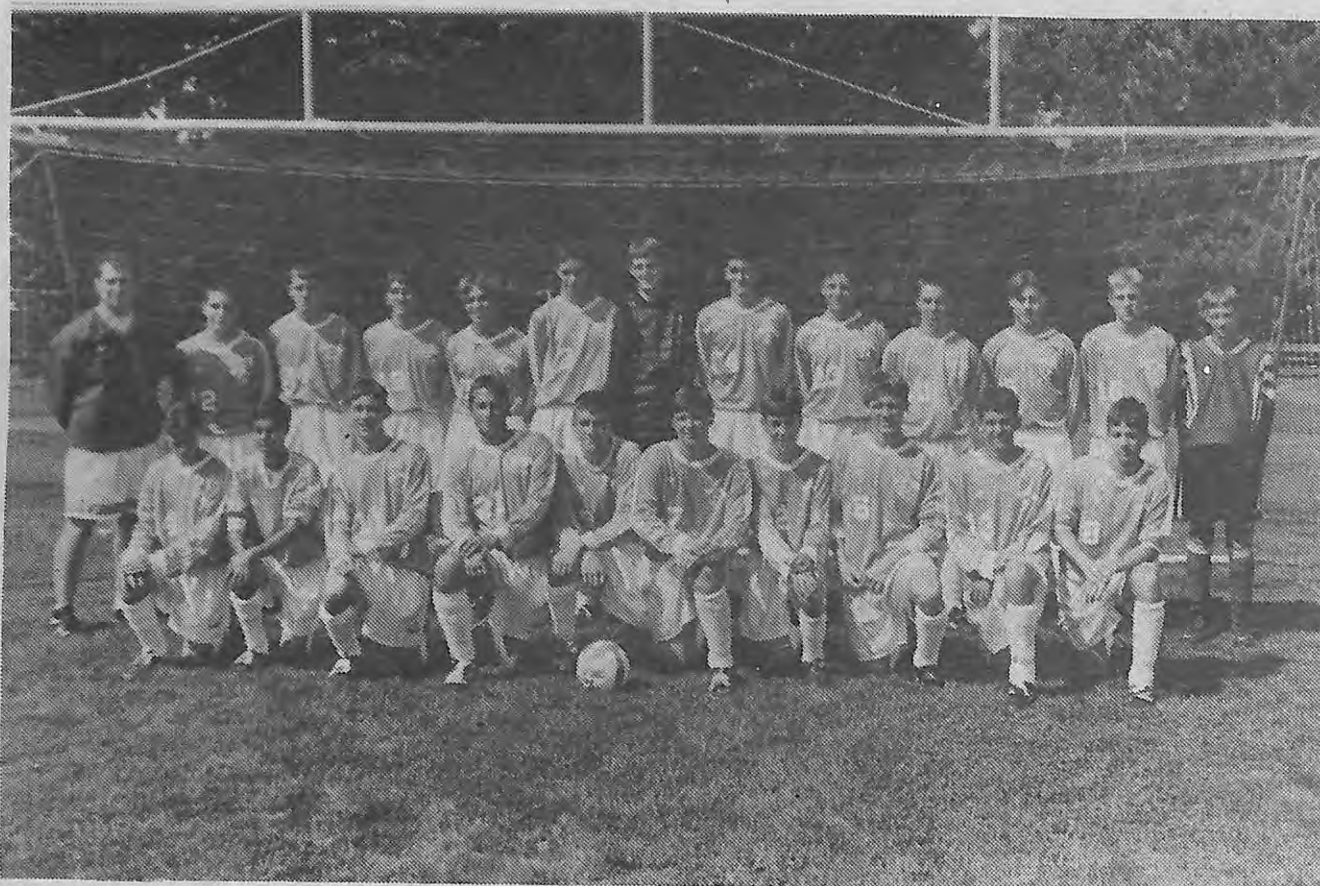
AGAWAM HIGH'S 1998 JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Back row, from left - Meghan Beauchene, Stephanie Sadowski, Suzanne Svadeba, Kim Chmura, Chelsea Breton, Kristie Wosczyzna, and Coach Melissa Almquist. Kneeling - Kristin Grant, Jamie Santos, Anne Shibley, Jennifer Sommer, Michelle Dise, Samantha Gingras, and Amanda Lemieux. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Agawam High Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer



AGAWAM HIGH JV soccer coach Glenn Olson with his 1998 captains - Judd Patterson, Matt Quirk, and Dan Marsili. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE 1998 Agawam High junior varsity boys' soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Glenn Olson, Chet Comee, Mike Thomas, Steve Pilegi, Josh Dickman, Bill Campana, Greg Boisvert, Adam Escobar, Tim Cretion, Dan Marsili, Travis Cowles, Brandon Donovan, and Sean Mercadante. Front row - Nick Broska, Wes Scott, Mike Sullivan, tri-captains Judd Patterson, Matt Quirk, Jim Evans, Jeff Fay, Steve Hearn, Sean DeVall, and Aaron Gilbert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### A.S.A. In-Town Girls' And Co-Ed Soccer Standings

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Marsh's Black*	5	0	0	15
Maloney's Lt. Blue	3	0	1	10
Pfau's Maroon	2	1	1	7
Wood's Royal Blue*	2	2	1	7
Olson's Gold	1	2	1	4
Brewster's Green	1	3	0	3
Prout's Navy Blue	1	2	0	3
Ruhl's Red	0	2	1	1
Morace's Orange	0	3	1	1

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
LaVally's Green	4	0	0	12
Rollins' Royal Blue	3	1	0	9
Lyman's Gold	2	2	0	6
Zmaczynski's Orange	2	2	0	6
Gould's Navy Blue	1	3	0	3
Morace's Red	0	4	0	0

U-14 CO-ED	W	L	T	P
Adams' Orange	4	1	0	12
Fournier's Red	4	1	0	12
Heneghan's Blue	3	2	0	9
Veighey's Green	1	3	0	3
Vinton's Gold	0	5	0	0

(\* A mistake was made last week between the U-10 girls' black team and royal blue team. The score was recorded wrong and a win was given to the royal blue team in error. Standings have been corrected.)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Barton, Satkowski, Kane and Duquette for a revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of MacBrook Estates which is a request for waiver of Section 159-31A of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations regarding buffers on Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19 Tobacco Farm Road.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: October 1, 1998

### Agawam Soccer Assoc. Standings (As Of 9/27)

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	3	0	0	9
Comee's Green Destroyers	2	1	0	6
Kelly's Blue	1	2	0	3
Campana's Orange	0	3	0	0

UNDER 12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
A. Moysis	3	1	1	7
P. Sadowski's Attack	2	0	2	6
G. Little	2	2	1	5
E. Nawskon Killer Bees	2	1	1	5
D. Prisby Flames	0	4	0	0

UNDER 10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
M. Morassi Rockets	4	0	0	8
D. Parent White Sharks	3	1	1	7
A. Goncalves Agawam Spirit	3	2	0	6
B. Gonyeau Invaders	2	2	1	5
T. Kopyscinski Blue Jays	2	0	1	5
P. Vershon Blackhawks	1	2	1	3
E. Mongeau Yellow Jackets	1	3	0	2
J. Walsh Orange Crush	1	3	0	2
A. Lane Blue Falcons	0	4	0	0

*FOR GLOSSY COPIES of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave him a message on his machine. Thanks.*

### Myths About Heart Disease



## Myth Truth

**Myth** Heart disease no longer represents a serious threat.

**Truth** Coronary heart disease is the single largest killer of American males and females.

**Myth** If a heart attack doesn't kill you, you'll recover and be fine.

**Truth** Survivors of the acute stage of heart attack have a 2-9 times higher chance of illness and death than the general population.





## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### New Catfish Record Set...

News from the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame highlighted a new all-tackle record for flathead catfish. The lucky angler was Ken Paulie from Independence, Kansas.

Fishing at Elk City Reservoir, Ken landed a flathead catfish that weighed in at 123 pounds. The giant cat measured 61 inches long and had a girth of 42½ inches. To make things more interesting, this fish also established a line class record. Ken Paulie landed the big fish on 14-pound class line.

This catch shattered the previous record of 92 pounds, which was set in 1995 at Toledo Bend Lake, Texas.

### LYME DISEASE VACCINE COMING SOON

Smith Kline Beecham, a leading pharmaceutical company, has developed a vaccine to combat Lyme disease. A company spokesman said that the clinical trials have been completed, and the vaccine is under review by the FDA.

### TUNA TRIP UNDERWAY

By the time this issue comes to press, I will be out bobbing around in the Atlantic aboard the Yankee Captain's tuna vessel.

Capt. Greg Mercurio is hopeful that last week's success will be duplicated. The canyon bite is heating up, and we are looking forward to a splendid three days!

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes continue to give up an occasional Atlantic salmon along with some nice trout. Trolling near the surface, especially around the southern section of Middle Pond, has been productive in the early morning hours. Bass fishermen report that slow presentations are the key to largemouth success, with jig and pig combos producing in deep water.

Connecticut River fishermen are starting to take some nice perch at the mouths of tributaries, with some slab-sized crappies mixed in. Pin head shiners on small marabou jigs have been scoring well.

### SALT WATER

Reports from Point Judith to the Western Sound indicate that some large stripers are hitting off the reefs. Three-way rigged eels drifted over the reefs at night had a large payoff for a couple of Agawam fishermen on a recent foray off the Watch Hill reefs.

Slammer blues in the 15- to 18-pound class are murdering schools of baitfish in the more popular spots. Single-hook lures should be used to facilitate unhooking and release.

Offshore reports indicate that the night tuna bite is starting to take shape, and this week's trip holds some good promise.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 5, 1998 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated August 28, 1998 for permission to feed new subdivision, relocate existing pole number 25 approximately 10 feet Easterly in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1998.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION NO. DRG. No. 1357. STREET: Meadow Street.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: October 1, 1998

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays.*

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## St. Michael's Takes Lead In Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling

On Monday, September 21st, St. Michael's took the lead in the ever-competitive and always-exciting Tri-Parish Bowling League.

St. Michael's record stands at 8-0. Meanwhile, Catholic University (7.5-1.5) and Holy Cross (5-3) are battling it out for second. In the fourth-through sixth-place spots, St. Louis, St. Mary's, and Fordham are tied at 4-4 each.

St. Anselm's attained seventh place with its 3.5-4.5 record, Boston College and Notre Dame are tied at 3-5 apiece, and poor ol' Georgetown is in the league's "caboose" position with a lowly 1-7.

The games on the evening of September 21st went as follows: Notre Dame, 2 - Fordham, 2; Catholic University, 3½ - St. Anselm's, ½; St. Louis, 3 - Boston College, 1; St. Michael's, 4 - Georgetown, 0 (no wonder G'town is in last

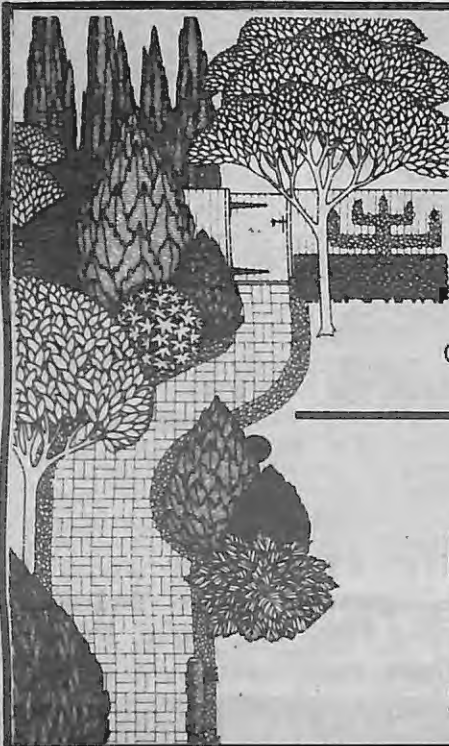
place!); and Holy Cross, 2 - St. Mary's, 2.

The high scorers on this night were pretty much divided — gender-wise, that is.

For the men, BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY led with a 141 single string and a 383 triple string. Other "leaders of the lane" were RON "The Bard" MENARD (119 single, 344 triple), "Lord" JIM LAMBERT (131, 340), "Buffalo" BILL BURLINGHAM (129, 329), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (117, 327), and "Ritchie" RICH SNYDER (116, 318).

With her 126 single string and 332 triple string, "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER was the "queen of the alley" once again. CORI "The Story" NAPOLITAN (116 single, 329 triple) was also impressive during this contest, as were YVONNE "Not Jacques" CHARTIER (121, 306), "Testy" BETSY CANNON (109, 304), and BARB "Wire" HOWARD (103, 295).

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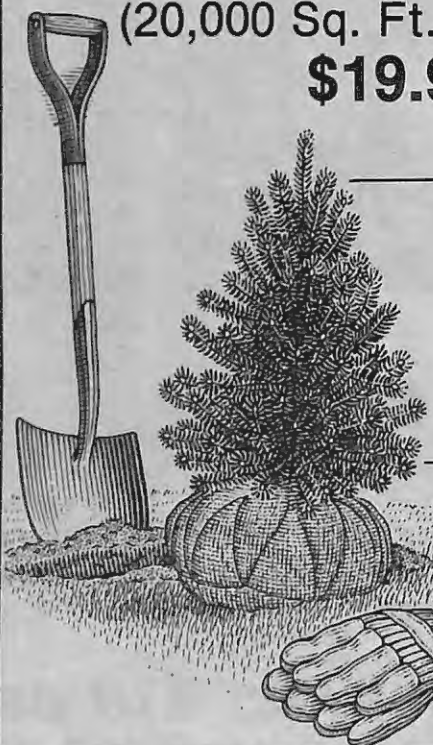
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## DalMolin Scholarship Golf Tourney Held



THE AGAWAM MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB was the scene of the Annual Thomas DalMolin Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 13th. In photo left are committee members Mary Barnes, Diane Rolandini, Kip Regnier, and Mary Lou Vigue. IN PHOTO RIGHT are linksters Jim Rolandini, Joseph DalMolin, and Bob Vigue. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### \$5,000-To-Win Enduro At Riverside On Sat., October 3rd

One-hundred of the wildest and craziest amateur racers will descend upon the high banks of Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, October 3rd, for their chance at winning \$5,000 in a 100-lap Enduro. Presented by Budweiser and ACME Auto Parts, the program will also include a \$1,000-to-win Demolition Derby, a four-cylinder Enduro, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Half-Ton Trucks.

"Get ready to have some fun!" advises Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "This annual event is one of our most exciting, fun-packed races of the year," he continued. Gates will open at 3:45 p.m. and racing begins at 6:00 p.m.

With such a large prize up for grabs, Lewandoski says he expects a field of at least 100 cars. "It would be even more, but we limited the entries in an effort to reward the Enduro competitors that have supported us each week," said Lewandoski, referring to the policy that bans competitors from entering the \$5,000-to-win event if they have not previously entered at least one Enduro at Riverside Park in 1998.

The *Hartford Courant* Thrills & Spills Series, Riverside Park's weekly Enduro and Demolition Derby Series, concludes the 1998 season on October 24th. NASCAR racing returns to Riverside Park for the Enfield Pontiac 400 on November 1st. "Tour Type" Modifieds and SK Modifieds will headline the eight-division program, with qualifying taking place on Saturday, October 31st.



GETTING READY TO ATTACK THE LINKS for the Thomas DalMolin Memorial Golf Tournament at the Agawam Municipal Country Club were, from left - Ben Heckman, Fred Pajer, Kip Regnier, and John Moccio, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Little League 9-10 All-Stars Are District II Champions

The 9-10 All-Stars from the Agawam Little League recently captured the District II Championship with a clean sweep of the tournament.

The Agawam team compiled a perfect 10-0 record in the tournament. For winning, the boys were treated by the Boston Red Sox with a day at Fenway, where they had lunch at the Diamond of Fenway, met with Red Sox players, and had their pictures taken with Jason Varitek and John Wasdin. The boys, along with the coaches, enjoyed a great day.

The Agawam All-Stars were led through the tournament by combining great defense with outstanding hitting and exceptional pitching. The infield defense was rock solid, with Steve Donah, Steve Powers, Jim Valenti, and Nick Pokora. The outfield play was sensational, with Brendan Ennis, Matt Zordani, Ryan Kocot, Ryan Wytrych, John McGeoghan, Ryan McNair, and John Leydon. Kevin Danie and Steve Carmody did the catching duties.

The pitching duties, for the most part, rested on the shoulders of hard-throwing right-hander Zack Bussiere. There were several memorable plays throughout the tournament, with Steve Carmody throwing out a runner from right-field to home plate against Easthampton; Ryan Kocot's diving catch in left-field against Westfield South; Brendan Ennis' diving catch against Northampton; and the outstanding pitching of Zordani, Donah, Danie, and Bussiere (who posted six out of the 10 wins). Kevin Danie was rock-solid behind the plate in handling the pitching staff.

The coaches and players would like to thank the Agawam Little League, parents, fans, and family for their support. Also, a thanks to Mr. Cliff Zundel, the Little League District II Administrator, the Jimmy Fund, and the Boston Red Sox for supporting them through a memorable season.

## Sports Enthusiasts Will Be Pleased When Attending THE BIG E

**JOIE CHITWOOD'S THRILL SHOW** (sponsored by Town Fair Tire Centers): This legendary auto stunt show will feature high-speed motorcycle and automobile precision driving, an array of Hollywood-style stunts and crashes, and the electrifying 6,000 horsepower Jet Pick Up Truck. Show times are 3:30 and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with an additional 1:00 p.m. show on Saturdays and Sundays in the Outdoor Arena.

**COMMERFORD'S PETTING ZOO** (sponsored by Frehofer's and Rondeau Ice and Dairy Bar): Meet a variety of farm and exotic animals to feed and pet at both gates 4 and 7. Kids can also enjoy elephant rides at both locations.

**PT BOAT EXHIBIT:** A scale model of this famous wartime vehicle will be on display daily in the New England Center.

**ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES:** Parked along the Avenue of States will be the greatest collection of Antique Cars in New England on October 3rd; Hot Rod Display will roar onto the Avenue October 4th.

**THE STORROWTON GAZEBO** (sponsored by Frito-Lay): Winnie the Pooh and his friends will come to life in a full-scale, musical adventure created by an Emmy Award-winning writer. Take a trip back in time with **Early American Children's Games** daily at 12:00 noon, with additional games at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

**ITALIAN PAVILION:** Fairgoers will taste a little bit of Italy at the Italian Pavilion. Visitors can feast upon exquisite Italian dinners and salads, brick-oven pizzas, grinders, delectable Italian pastries, desserts, and gourmet coffees. Live musical entertainment will top off the festivities.

**THE MAGIC MIDWAY:** Enjoy rides of all sizes, shapes, and degrees of intensity, including the incredible Crazy Flip, guaranteed to flip your lid, or defy gravity on G-Force, the Magic Midway's two newest rides. Pay-One-Price and ride all the rides for just \$12 any one day, Monday through Thursday, on the Magic Midway.

**MCDONALDLAND STAGE:** The McDonaldland Stage, featuring Ronald McDonald, presents "On the Inside" daily near the Mallory Plaza Rotunda. This educational show is built around the themes of trust, respect, and responsibility. Show times are at 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, with an additional 12:00 noon show on Saturdays and Sundays.

**NATIONAL DRAFT HORSE SHOW:** Rumbling through the Coliseum will be the finest heavy horses in New England on October 1st-4th. The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series 1998 Championship Finals, featuring challenges of bravery and skill between powerful, gentle giants from across America, takes place on October 4th at 3:00 p.m.



**AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE 9-10 ALL-STARS.** Back row, from left - Coach Steve Powers, manager Rob Danie, Boston Red Sox players Jason Varitek and John Wasdin, Coach Bruce Bussiere, and Coach Bill Leydon. Middle row - Ryan Kocot, Matt Zordani, Steve Donah, Zack Bussiere, Brendan Ennis, Jim Valenti, John Leydon, Steve Powers, and Nick Pokora. Front row - Kevin Danie, Ryan McNair, Steve Carmody, Ryan Wytrych, and John McGeoghan.

## Agawam Park & Rec. Programs

### STAFF

Mary M. Keller, Director/Nancy C. Pryce, Secretary

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office is located at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. (right driveway, rear entrance). Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 821-0514.

Cancellations and postponements will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. The department reserves the right to set a maximum for each class and to cancel any class due to insufficient registration.

No unregistered person may attend classes at any time. No babysitting is provided for any programs. Children must be of correct age before class begins.

### INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured while participating in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs. \*\*Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

The Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any personal belongings which are lost, stolen, or damaged while participating in or watching any of our activities.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** "Fun," recreational program begins September 21st and runs for 10 weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Monday, 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m., \$25/10 weeks or \$3/night.

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL:** Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

**DROP-IN BASKETBALL:** Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 19th at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Participants must be 18 years or older. Proof of age and residency is required for admittance to the program: Monday & Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$2/night.

**WALKING GROUP:** Anyone interested in walking for exercise is asked to contact the Recreation Office. The program is coordinated by Officer Karen Langevin and participants meet weekly to walk at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Registration for Women's Men's, and Co-Ed Volleyball will be accepted the first night of the

program at the gyms. Registration for Drop-In Basketball is not necessary. The drop-in fee is payable to the site supervisor per visit.

### INFORMATION NUMBERS

Fall Softball League - Winston Lee, 781-8186; Men's Over 30 Basketball League - Bob Lottermaster, 786-8639.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**PIRANHA'S SWIM TEAM:** The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The winter session begins October 13th at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL. Registration will be held at the Agawam Public Library Community Room on Tuesday, September 29th and Thursday, October 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL:** The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors the in-town basketball program for children in grades three through 12. Registration will be held on Thursday, October 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

**INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL:** Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball. The program will meet on Saturday mornings and is open to children in grades one and two or who will be six years-old as of January 1, 1999. Registration will be held on Thursday, October 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

**YOUTH WRESTLING:** The Youth Wrestling Club will hold their registration on Monday, October 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room. The program is open to children in grades four through 12. Fee: \$50. For more information, call Dan Sullivan at 786-6365 or Kirk Parker at 786-6604.

**RECREATIONAL SWIM:** Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL beginning September 21st: Monday, 7:00-8:45 p.m., \$2 (6 yrs. & up); \$1 (under 6 yrs).

Disposable diapers or floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

### INFORMATION NUMBERS

Agawam Athletic Association, Bob Hersey, 786-2979; Agawam Basketball Organization, Steve Fox, 789-2425; Agawam Soccer Association, Dave Shaw, 786-0899; Agawam Youth Football, Kirk Parker, 786-6604.

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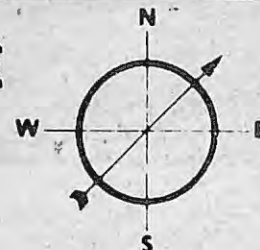
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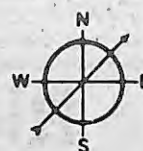
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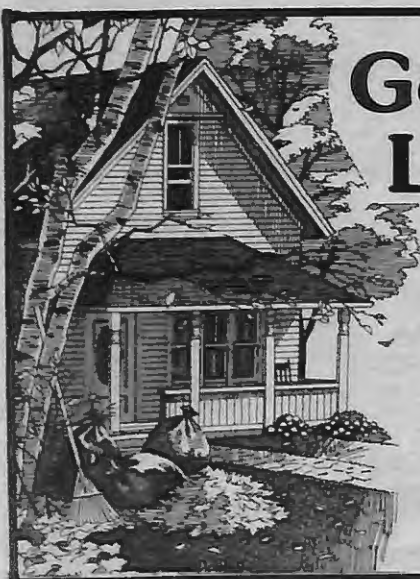
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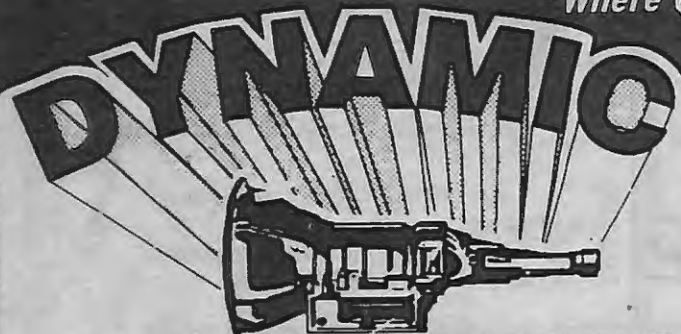
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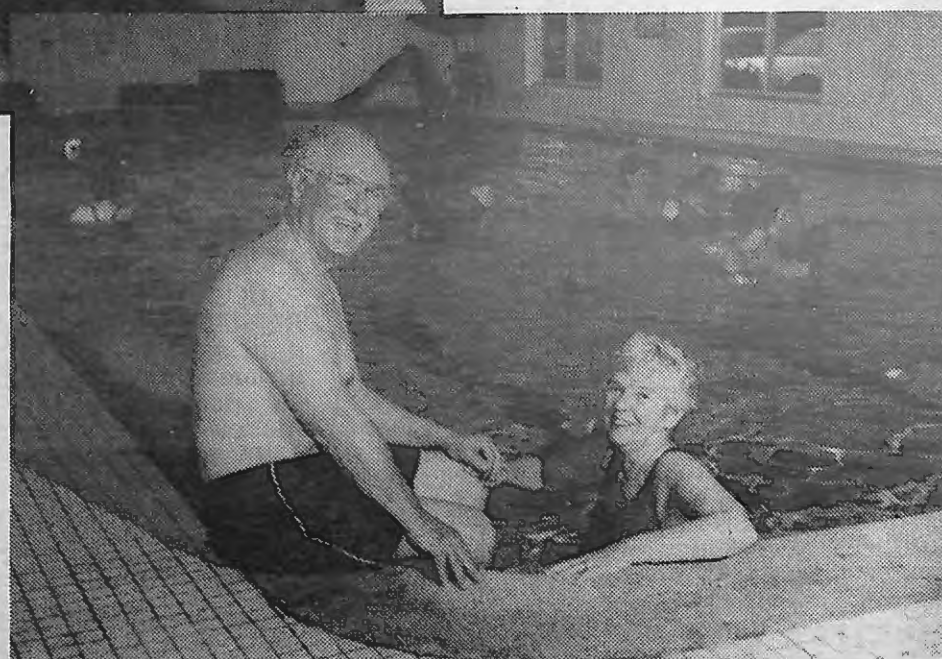
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